



2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election Voters' Guide for Queen Anne's County

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About This *Voters' Guide*

This *Voters' Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County and covers all races for which voters in Queen Anne's County may vote. The League has a long tradition of publishing the verbatim responses of candidates to questions important to voters. All candidates for state or local office, who filed with the State Board of Elections, were invited to submit information about their candidacy to our web-based VOTE411 system. All invited candidates were asked to provide their campaign contact information and their responses to a series of questions posed for each office. All candidates were limited to 400 characters for each response; responses shown are what candidates entered up to the stated limit. All candidate responses appear as written in their own words and are included in VOTE411 in their entirety. Due to printing constraints, not all questions and responses are included in this *Guide*; and only candidate website, if available, is included here for contact information. Go to [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org) to see all questions and candidate-submitted information. The League offers this *Voters' Guide* to assist citizens in their decision-making process as they prepare for participation in the 2022 gubernatorial elections.

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Election Day is
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
7 am – 8 pm

Early Voting is
Thursday, July 7 – July 14, 2022
7 am – 8 pm

Voter Registration Deadline is
June 28, 2022

You may register to vote during early voting and on Election Day; contact your local State Board of Elections office for details.

Three Ways to Vote

- 1. VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT –**
now through July 19
- 2. VOTE EARLY** Thursday, July 7 –
Thursday July 14, 7am - 8 pm
- 3. VOTE AT YOUR ASSIGNED POLLING PLACE,** Tuesday, July 19, from 7 am to 8 pm.

Vote by Mail-In Ballot

To vote by mail you must first request an application for a mail-in ballot and then return your voted ballot.

Request an application for a mail-in Ballot
 Call or visit your local Board of Elections to request an application for a mail-in ballot (contact information is below). Or, if you have a Maryland driver's license or an MVA-issued ID card, you can request your application online at

<https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html>

Return your application to your local Board of Elections

You can return your application for a mail-in ballot by mail, fax, email (as a scanned document) or in person to your County Board of Elections:

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

110 Vincit Street
Suite 102
Centreville, MD 21617
410-758-0832, Fax: 410-758-1119
www.qacelections.com
Email Address: Christine.Jones@maryland.gov

The deadline to return your application varies

The deadline to return your application depends on how you want to receive your ballot: To receive your ballot:

- ➔ **by mail or fax**, deliver by **TUESDAY, JULY 12.**
- ➔ **via the internet**, deliver by **FRIDAY, JULY 15.**
- ➔ **pick up in person**, deliver by **TUESDAY, JULY 19.**

All ballots must be mailed or hand delivered on or before Election Day, July 19. Return your ballot to:

- ➔ your County Board of Elections office,
- ➔ your Early Voting location during Early Voting, or
- ➔ deposit it in a County ballot drop-box

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY BALLOT DROP-BOXES 3 Locations:

GO MART, 741 Main St, Church Hill MD

KENT ISLAND FIRE DEPT, 1610 Main St, Chester MD

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, 110 Vincit St, Centreville MD

BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN 8 PM JULY 19

Ballot drop-boxes are available now at the locations above.

Vote in Person during Early Voting

**Thursday, July 7 – Thursday July 14
7am - 8 pm**

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS (2)

You can vote early at

KENNARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 420 Little Kidwell Ave, Centreville MD

KENT ISLAND FIRE DEPT, 1610 Main St, Chester MD

Vote in Person on Election Day

Tuesday, Jul 19, 7 am to 8 pm

Vote at your assigned polling place. Check your sample ballot for your polling place or visit <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch>

For More Information

Contact your local office of the State Board of Elections for other information about registering to vote, polling locations, change of address, and any other questions you may have about the voting process.

Party Primaries in Maryland

Party primaries in Maryland are “closed” primaries. You must be a member of a political party to participate in that party's primary, though all voters may vote for nonpartisan offices such as the Board of Education. You may change your party affiliation up until the close of voter registration on June 28 by completing a voter registration form and submitting it to your County Board of Elections.

You may also change your party affiliation online if you have a Maryland driver's license or identification card from the Motor Vehicle Administration.

If you have not previously registered to vote, you may register during early voting (July 7-14) at an early voting center in your county and choose a party at that time. For those already registered, you may correct your address or other information during early voting; however, you cannot change your party registration at that time.

You must be at least 18 years old by Nov 8, 2022 and a registered voter in your County to be eligible to vote in the Primary.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Read this *Guide* with your mail-in or sample ballot in hand, and mark your ballot accordingly. Take your sample ballot with you when you vote as *you are not permitted to use electronic devices, such as smartphones, tablets, and computers, inside polling places.*

Pay attention to the number of votes you can cast for each race; checking more than the maximum allowed will invalidate your vote for that race.

Check both sides of your ballot for additional races.

Don't have a sample ballot? Go to Vote411 and print your selections from there.

Only candidate information available at the time of our publication deadline is included here; for more up-to-date information on candidate responses, check <https://www.vote411.org/VOTE411.org>.



VOTE411.org includes all responses from all candidates on your ballot, as well as photos and contact information. You can even compare candidate responses there and print your selections.

Maryland Statewide Offices

Maryland Governor / Lieutenant Governor

DUTIES: The Governor is the head of the executive branch and appoints the heads of statewide departments and judges in the state courts. The Governor proposes the annual operating and capital budgets to the legislature and may veto legislation passed by the legislature. The Lieutenant Governor assists the Governor and carries out specific duties assigned by the Governor. The Lieutenant Governor fills the office of Governor in case of death, resignation, or disability.

TERM: Four years. Limit of two consecutive terms.

SALARIES: Governor \$184,000, Lieutenant Governor \$165,000 as of January 23, 2023.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide as a team.

WEBSITE:

msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08con/off/html/01govf.html#GOVERNOR

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of Governor?

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: What role should the state play in addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland?

PUBLIC SAFETY: What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while

improving police accountability in communities?

EDUCATION: What actions will you take to improve education in Maryland, especially given the impact of the COVID pandemic?

HEALTH CARE: What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

NATURAL RESOURCES: What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment and how will you address it?

INFRASTRUCTURE: How will you balance infrastructure needs with their environmental impact?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Dan Cox / Gordana Schifanelli
Campaign Website: www.coxforfreedom.com

QUALIFICATIONS: State Delegate Dan Cox is a husband, father, Republican conservative candidate for Governor of Maryland and believer in the goodness of God for the people of our great State. He has been a leading force fighting for the lives and livelihoods of all Marylanders. A lifelong Marylander, Dan has served the People of Maryland as a small businessman, 15+ year Constitutional attorney, and Delegate.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Boost the BOOST education programs for all and allow the money to follow the child under parental direction. Increase opportunity zone loans and grants, with follow-up grants and loans to small business start-ups to

ensure stability and strength. Ensure equality for all and access to the market with lower taxes.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Ensure immediate ending of the catch and release of illegal foreign nationals into our streets, and double the pay of police officers while providing state of the art world-class training with protection from frivolous lawsuits and public information act requests of private and family information.

EDUCATION: Provide tax credits for those forced out of the public classrooms, while providing school choice and additional charter schools. Ensure audits of the spending and reduce administrative waste while increasing pay and training of teachers. End the ghost students and ensure every student has access to tutors as needed to ensure they understand and pass the material in each class.

HEALTH CARE: Ensuring our seniors have access to care without discrimination and restoring our health privacy freedoms. Additionally, expanding affordable health care coverage by opening up competition across state lines is necessary to lower premiums.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Ensuring the effluent into the Bay and estuaries from the various city and town sewers, including Baltimore City, are discovered and stopped. Additionally, preserving our farmland and right to farm, while also ensuring our timber forests are healthy, harvesting with conservation, and protecting our state forests and old standing timber.

INFRASTRUCTURE: By preserving farmland and state forests, we can ensure land and growth areas are open for building to attract business and residents. Maryland has a net-loss of over 250,000 people since 2011. By granting access to our natural resources responsibly, and expanding energy production, we increase opportunity for all while ensuring the conservation and protection of our state lands and waterways.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will Restore Freedom to the Free State by ending all mandates on Day One of my administration. Furthermore, ensuring our Seniors have property tax assessment relief and retirement income relief will ensure we keep them here in Maryland.

Robin Ficker / LeRoy F. Yegge, Jr.
Campaign Website:
cutmdsalestax2cents.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As Maryland's top civic activist, I have placed 25 questions on the ballot of Maryland's largest county by collecting 18,000 for each. These questions have received 2,537,403 votes. They imposed term limits, limits on property revenue increases, and kept sewage sludge trenching and garbage dumps out of residential zones.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: I am the only gubernatorial candidate in either party to cut taxes. Our 2 cent cut in the state's 6 cent sales tax amounts to a \$780/year/household fiscal stimulus. Every Marylander will get a tax cut every day. And it will give us a national business-friendly reputation, bringing in JOBS.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Our team's Jobs Strikeforce will reverse the avoidance of Maryland by all major US employers. A busy citizen is a happy one. Police need officer-friendly training. Rid us of the scourge of fentanyl, the number one cause of death for Marylanders 18-45 years old. Fund police drug labs.

EDUCATION: We will create the Governor's Annual Reading Contest whereby every classroom in the state will send a student who has read the most books in a year.

HEALTH CARE: I want to make Maryland THE SPORTS STATE. Kids in the school systems and most adults are too sedentary, devoting too much time to

screen activity. We need to get them out and about, and involved in wholesome activity and exercise.

NATURAL RESOURCES: I am most concerned about multiple instances of sewage treatment plant runoff into the bay. Some of these plants have been leaking for 20+ years. We need an environmental hotline to report violations. Fight climate change by doubling the electrical output of Calvert Cliffs to 2 million homes.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Inadequate roads and idling cars pollute the air. We need to improve Maryland's highways. Construct additional Bay Bridge.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Forming Maryland's Jobs Strikeforce to visit multi-billion \$ companies like Apple, Amazon, Facebook, Google, Intel, Microsoft, Nucor Steel, Samsung, all of which have shunned Maryland. Bring back well-paying jobs. Maryland's Department of Commerce has been asleep.

Kelly Schulz / Jeff Woolford
Campaign Website:
www.KellySchulzForGovernor.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am the only candidate in this race who has a track record of success both in the legislative branch and as a member of Governor Hogan's cabinet. I've led two critical state agencies, the Department of Labor and Department of Commerce which are tasked with growing our economy. Because of our work, Maryland is the most improved state for business in the entire country.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We must continue to make Maryland more affordable so that you, your family, and our state can prosper. I will stand up against tax increases and I will use my position to fight for tax cuts every single day that I am in office. We'll fight to repeal the Inflation Tax so that you can receive much needed relief at the gas pump and

eliminate state taxes on the retirement income of all Marylanders.

PUBLIC SAFETY: If you don't feel like your family is safe, nothing else matters. I'll make sure that police receive the funding and training they need, and I'll fight to keep violent offenders behind bars. We'll treat police like heroes and criminals like criminals. We'll work to improve the relationships officers have with the communities they serve; we'll support PAL programs and community mentorship programs.

EDUCATION: I have a Parental Bill of Rights which will empower parents and give every child the opportunity to receive a world class education. This means record funding our schools, providing real school choice, investing in innovative solutions like P-TECH schools, and bringing accountability and transparency to the classroom.

HEALTH CARE: We are blessed to live in a state that has some of the best hospitals and health care providers not only in the country, but in the world. Innovative approaches have been taken to stabilize health care costs and premiums. We must continue to do this while also allowing for a system in which we can have more competition so that consumers have more choices.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The Chesapeake Bay is Maryland's greatest natural treasure and we are extremely proud of the impact it has on our livelihoods. Over the last eight years we have made tremendous progress in safeguarding our Bay, investing record funding, and pursuing innovative solutions to clean the Bay. We must continue to make significant progress to preserve and protect the Bay for future generations.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Maryland has become a national leader on environmental issues, ranking as the fourth most environmentally friendly state in the country. To ensure our state's future economic success and viability, we must make sure that

Marylanders have access to a world-class transportation infrastructure - that includes record investments in both our roads and in transit.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Our campaign is one focused on opportunity and ensuring that every Marylander has the chance to pursue their own dreams and have every shot at success. This is only going to happen if we continue to keep moving our state in the right direction, build upon the success that our state has experienced over the last eight years under Governor Hogan, and make our state safe, steady, and prosperous.

Joe Werner / Minh Thanh Luong

No response received by print deadline;
check Vote411.org

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Rushern L. Baker, III / Nancy Navarro
Campaign Website: rushernbaker.com

QUALIFICATIONS: The Baker/Navarro ticket is the most experienced in the race, with unrivaled State and local governing experience. Both candidates understand how to get things done in Maryland like few others, precisely because they have done them. They will use this experience to bring together diverse stakeholders from across the State together to address our greatest challenges.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The State is the central player in reducing economic disparities, and lifting up the people who have been historically left behind by the people in power. Our campaign has released the Roadmap for Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity which will tackle this problem and help

disadvantaged communities support themselves today, build generational wealth for the future.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Both Rushern and Nancy believe strongly that the status quo in Maryland, and especially in Baltimore is unacceptable. We have a comprehensive plan to not only end the tide of violence that is occurring today using community policing, but also to address the underlying causes of crime, and build up those communities who have been hurt the most by it.

EDUCATION: Rushern and Nancy are strong supporters of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, but they know that it is late coming, and only the first step in improving schools. We need to first make sure that the Blueprint is fully funded, and that will take an executive who knows how to navigate the school system, and is committed to making the hard choices that come with education policy-making.

HEALTH CARE: Despite all that has purportedly been done on this issue, the prohibitive cost of healthcare in this country is shameful. That is why it is our goal to implement a single-payer system in the State to ensure all Marylanders are able to access the care they need, when they need it. We know that this will be a monumental task, but it is a necessary one for so many who have suffered without care.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Every Marylander knows that the heart and soul of the State rests in the Chesapeake Bay. It is our greatest asset, and at the moment we are not treating it with anywhere near the respect it deserves. To tackle this, we will establish a pollution revolving fund, which will incentivize polluters to clean up their own waste, and save taxpayers money in the process.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Given the dire situation we are faced with right now, environmental concerns must take precedence over convenience. That said, we believe our infrastructure needs go hand in hand

with our environmental ones. My infrastructure priorities are projects like the Baltimore Red Line and starting the Southern Maryland Light Rail. These projects will be done sustainably and take cars off the roads.

OTHER PRIORITIES: One of the greatest challenges we face today is the corrupting influence of money in our political system. That is why we decided to fund our campaign through public financing, to ensure that voters know that we will not deal with PACs and big money donors. Our administration will expand this program, allowing more candidates the ability to run for office without letting dark money influence them.

Jon Baron / Natalie Williams
Campaign Website: jonbaron.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm a former nonprofit executive and Clinton Administration official with a record of driving real change from inside and outside government. After serving in the Clinton Administration, I founded a nonprofit that sparked a movement to advance evidence-based policymaking—working with the Bush & Obama Administrations to enact major reforms that led to significant gains in wages, education, & more.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Wages for the bottom 40% in MD have been stagnant since the 1980s, as income inequality has soared. We'll partner with MD businesses to provide proven job training programs to every adult who wants to advance. Done right, job training can increase earnings 20-40%. The key is to focus on fast-growing industries, and work hand-in-hand with employers who provide paid internships to the trainees.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We'll fund crime-fighting strategies shown to produce big reductions in violent crime while building community trust, such as Focused Deterrence—an approach targeted at

repeat violent offenders. When implemented in Oakland CA, it helped cut homicides by 50%. We'll also invest in community policing in “hot-spots” where half of all urban crime occurs—an approach found to cut crime as much as 25%.

EDUCATION: More than ¼ of MD middle schoolers can't read at a basic level; more than ⅓ can't do basic math. We'll expand solutions that are tested and proven to deliver results. For example, we'll raise an army of tutors from the community to help every struggling 1st and 2nd grader in MD—moving them up toward grade level early, before their problems become serious, & reversing COVID-related learning loss.

HEALTH CARE: Marylanders are paying 50% more in out-of-pocket healthcare costs than they were 10 years ago, after adjusting for inflation. That's unacceptable. Our administration will negotiate significantly lower prescription drug prices – saving Marylanders up to \$100 million each year – and offer a robust public option health insurance plan cheaper than those currently on the market.

NATURAL RESOURCES: MD must lead the nation in cutting carbon emissions. We'll pursue a regional approach, building on the successful Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative — an 11-state cap-and-trade program that's cut power plant emissions 47%. We'll expand this approach to other sectors by joining the Transportation and Climate Initiative (focused on transportation), as part of our comprehensive climate policy.

INFRASTRUCTURE: This is critical—our administration will ensure a thorough environmental review precedes implementation of any infrastructure project, and we will not pursue projects that would cause unnecessary or irreparable harm to the environment. From mass transit to highways and other investments, our administration will strike a balance between needed

infrastructure and protection of our natural resources.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Our campaign is not taking a dime from corporations, PACs, or MD lobbyists, because Maryland deserves a governor who answers to the voters – not special interests. Our administration will also require independent assessments of our key policies – the results of which will be reported to the governor, voters and General Assembly at the same time.

Peter Franchot / Monique Anderson-Walker
Campaign Website: www.franchot.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent the past 16 years serving as the State's Comptroller. My extensive track-record in public service has demonstrated that I know the issues that are unique to Marylanders, and I have successfully implemented solutions to solve their problems. I am the only candidate that has the statewide experience to hit the ground running on Day 1.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: The state should help people access job training and placement that lead to stable, lifelong careers. I define the middle class as good wages, healthcare, home ownership, and retirement. I believe the State can help stimulate these opportunities by investing in new infrastructure like world class public transit and renewable energy, and partnering with stakeholders like unions on them.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I have no tolerance for police misconduct or crime. My policies will approach public safety through a lens that situates it within a broader social context rather than as a stand alone challenge. I support policies such as ending no knock warrants, prioritizing community policing, evaluating police training standards, treating

addiction as a health issue, and focusing on violent repeat offenders

EDUCATION: I will be an education-oriented governor with a focus on empowering our students and teachers. I will address student/teacher burn-out by reducing standardized testing, and allow collective bargaining on classroom size. I will also pilot an experiential learning model, push for fully elected local school boards, and ensure no school building suffers from a lack of infrastructure.

HEALTH CARE: I am committed to lowering health costs and expanding affordable primary and preventative care. I will expand Medicaid coverage, focus on controlling prescription drug prices, and expand Maryland's total cost of care model for the commercial insurance market to control the rising costs. I will also ensure every Marylander is within a 15-minute commute to a Federally Qualified Health Center.

NATURAL RESOURCES: One of my greatest concerns is that we do not have a justice oriented approach to addressing environmental concerns. Improving the environment is a matter of effectuating justice. I will remove polluters which are disproportionately placed in communities of color, and provide job training/placement for those who work in industries that will become increasingly obsolete in the new economy.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I believe we can walk and chew gum at the same time, and I will implement policies that align our infrastructure initiatives with our environmental goals. That means building more public transit for the economy of tomorrow, while alleviating traffic congestion today. I will also require the entire fleet of state vehicles to convert to electric by the end of my first term.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I am committed to building a world-class transit system by reviving the Red Line project and increasing pedestrian/cycling trails. I will make voting more accessible, and secure

access to high-speed broadband and 5G wireless technology for every Marylander. All of my policies are integrative, and with my experience I will improve the quality of life of all Marylanders.

Douglas F. Gansler / Candace Hollingsworth
Campaign Website: dougansler.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Maryland needs a governor with experience to address crime and rebuild our communities, schools, and businesses post-COVID. As a former federal prosecutor, Montgomery County State's Attorney, and MD Attorney General, I am the only candidate with a background in criminal justice, and along with my running mate, a former Mayor, we are the only team with executive-level experience in government.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Safe communities are strong communities. As governor, I will be aggressive about lifting communities out of poverty through education and economic development. As we create new jobs, we will strengthen schools and workforce training to get Marylanders into these new jobs. By building more housing near transit, we can make living in Maryland more affordable and make access to these new jobs easier.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We cannot reduce crime without increasing accountability because when people don't trust the police they are less likely to call them when they need them most. My Safe Maryland plan, which will add 1,000 police statewide, recognizes this and weaves the need for better-trained and better-paid police with bold actions that will work to rid agencies of bad practices, bad policies, and bad officers.

EDUCATION: Teachers and students were resilient through COVID, but now two years later many have returned to the same unsafe buildings, large classrooms, and demanding tests they left --

only this time with additional challenges due to the COVID learning gap. As governor, I will ensure full, timely implementation of the Blueprint, add SRO's, and take actions to increase student achievement and wellness now.

HEALTH CARE: We do not have enough nurses, doctors, home health workers, and mental health professionals to meet our state's needs. And now more than ever we must ensure abortion access and support for women. My administration will increase access and affordability by investing in building the pipeline of healthcare professionals, expanding community health centers, and funding reproductive health centers.

NATURAL RESOURCES: I will protect the Chesapeake Bay both from pollution and the devastating effects of climate change. As AG, I led 22 watershed audits of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, dramatically improving the water quality. We must impose a five-year, statewide moratorium on new residential, commercial and industrial development that is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

INFRASTRUCTURE: As we grow, maintenance of roads, bridges, and stormwater infrastructure is crucial. We'll rethink how we fund infrastructure to no longer incentivize car use while ensuring that we have enough to fund these projects and work with localities to enact land-use policies and directives that embed climate resiliency targets and reduce the overall environmental impact.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The number one job of government is to keep people safe, and bringing crime down and justice up is my top priority. I also care deeply about making our state more inclusive of people with disabilities and would encourage voters to read my Accessible Maryland plan on my website dougansler.com.

Ralph W. Jaffe / Mark Greben
Campaign Website:
 fedupwithcrookedpolitics.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As a teacher, I started a movement - cleanse Maryland of sky high moral bankruptcy. Putting the movement into high gear and practicing what I preach, I went on ballot with platform to achieve movement's mission - no campaign contributions, one term only, no salary, tell whole truth, avoid professional lobbyists. 7 campaigns 2010-2018 - results - over 42,000 votes - budget by design \$1700.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Put state legislature on 2 3/4 months recess. Let free enterprise system function without morally bankrupt politicians' interference. Free enterprise system will start to flourish. Businesses - small or big - will be able to hire people who have been jobless. Encourage business owners to partnership with employees giving them larger stake in the company as a partial owner of the business

PUBLIC SAFETY: Twofold solution - Short term - bring in National Guard for extended period of time. No big tanks, but lots of manpower- Yes -some restrictions on daily lives of people but major drop in surge of violence Long term - Implementation of the TUTOR MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM - More details on Facebook - Ralph Jaffe The 2% or 3% of police officers tainting the rest of police force should be removed.

EDUCATION: Implementation of the TUTOR MENTOR TEAM PROGRAM. Long term connection between student and TEAM volunteer mentor results in motivating and challenging lost, troubled students to perform and become productive citizens instead of giving them reason to drop out of school, turning to streets and committing acts of crime. Students will receive care and hope they desperately need.

HEALTH CARE: Every citizen deserves good medical coverage. I'll assemble a group of qualified experts (exclude career politicians) to study ways to bring this about and make recommendations. I'll choose best course of action and do everything in my ethical power to implement their top suggestion.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Creating more healthy environment, dealing with climate change challenges, obtaining cleaner water, fresher air to breathe, protection of animal wildlife calls for group of experts (exclusion of career politicians) to study ways to bring this about making recommendations. I'll choose best course of action, do everything in my ethical power to implement the best of their best suggestions.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Establish commission to determine best course of action for building new or repairing existing roads, bridges, and state highways and make people feel safe as they travel on them. Commission's findings would be followed up by figuring out how state and federal funds can be used to finance their proposals. Will use my ethical power to implement their recommendations.

OTHER PRIORITIES: People serving in government positions should remember they're in that office to serve their constituents, not themselves. Raising exorbitant amounts of money to get elected and re-elected (a better use of all that money - help poor & needy)) isn't proof they have these traits. It's matter of TRUST. Whom do voters trust the most to make Maryland a healthier, safer state.

Ashwani Jain / LaTrece Hawkins Lytes
Campaign Website: JainForGovernor.com

QUALIFICATIONS: While I would be the nation's youngest Governor, I also have the experience and perspective needed to serve you

well. I am a 32-year-old cancer survivor, the son of immigrants and small business owners, and a product of Maryland public schools. I have worked in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, and served in the Obama White House and two federal agencies.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We must have equality of opportunity. Part of this means being held accountable and giving residents a real seat at the table. And part of this means increasing revenue streams by keeping people in our state and encouraging more to move here. My "Maryland Now Plan" will help with eliminating the state income tax, free public transit, guaranteed jobs and anti-corruption measures.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The way to increase accountability and safety is to tackle Criminal Justice comprehensively. That's why my plans include treating opioid/drug abuse as a disease not crime; removing SROs from public schools; investing in social workers; ending the money bail system; ending extreme sentences for children; legalizing marijuana and expunging records; access to jobs; and building community trust.

EDUCATION: My Education agenda includes fully funding the Blueprint; ensuring parents, students and educators have a real seat at the table; expanding access to broadband; easing student debt; reducing barriers to becoming an educator; protecting collective bargaining rights; making community colleges accessible; universal Pre-K; removing SROs from public schools; and opposing school privatization efforts.

HEALTH CARE: As a cancer survivor and someone who has worked in healthcare, I know we must expand Medicaid Eligibility; invest in Community Health Clinics; have full reproductive justice; ease medical debt; invest in mental health; create a statewide Caregivers Program; address

food insecurity; and increase access to childcare. Full details at JainForGovernor.com

NATURAL RESOURCES: To get to 100% renewables by 2035, I would focus on Climate Justice; stop subsidization of trash incinerators and paper mills; mandate Environmental Impact Studies; increase poultry farm inspections; invest in community solar programs for residents; offshore wind; free public transit; smart growth and mixed-use development; ban single-use plastic bags; and improve composting.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need a comprehensive plan that includes making public transit free; ensuring environmental impact studies for all projects; expanding Metro (Red Line, Purple Line and Southern rail); expanding MARC services; more designated bus lanes; smart growth and mixed-use development; and sustainably expanding the Bay Bridge (using the findings of the environmental impact studies that were conducted).

OTHER PRIORITIES: I believe decisions about us should not be made without us. That's why I'm fully accessible (because 100% of our events are free); I'm fully accountable (because 100% of our campaign is run by residents from every county); and I'm fully transparent (because we've shared the most comprehensive policy agenda since last January 2021). More at JainForGovernor.com

John King / Michelle Daugherty Siri
Campaign Website:
 Johnkingforgovernor.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As Sec. of Ed. under Pres. Obama, I managed a budget \$15 billion bigger than the budget of the state of MD. I have the executive leadership and public sector management experience to make MD a national leader in every respect. Public schools saved my life after both my parents passed away, so I know that govt. can be a

force for good in people's lives. That philosophy is how I will govern.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We must ensure every Marylander has the opportunity to thrive by making sure they have the food they need to eat, health care, safe and affordable housing, quality child care, and transportation to jobs. My administration will do everything through the lens of equity, making sure our economy works for everyone in Maryland by directly tackling systemic disparities.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We need to rethink public safety. We must focus the police on stopping violent crime and the flow of illegal guns - and ensure that officers are well-trained and accountable for protecting people's civil rights. We must also increase investments in violence prevention programs, education and job training for those who are incarcerated, and re-entry supports.

EDUCATION: I will ensure we fully fund and implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. As well, my recovery plan for our schools includes developing a statewide Student Support Corps to provide intensive tutoring, providing students with additional learning and activities during the school year and summer, and increasing investment in school counselors and mental health services for students and families.

HEALTH CARE: Almost 350,000 Marylanders are uninsured and there are serious racial and regional disparities in the quality of care. I believe health care is a human right and will remove barriers to health care for all Marylanders, regardless of immigration status, incentivize primary and specialty providers to locate in underserved communities, and create a permanent task force to address racial disparities.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We must drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. My goal is to reach net-zero emissions in MD by 2035, with a 60%

reduction by 2030 and a carbon-free electricity sector in our state by 2030. I will ensure that our Renewable Portfolio Standard only includes true clean energy sources and transition the entire state public vehicle fleet to zero-emission vehicles by 2030.

INFRASTRUCTURE: I'm dedicated to ensuring environmental justice and will consider the environmental impact of every infrastructure project. I'll prioritize building clean public transit, improving pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and oppose projects that encourage more driving, like the I-270 toll lanes. Our infrastructure investments will be designed to cut down on harmful effects like storm runoff.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My other top priorities are housing justice and building our affordable housing stock, advancing women's economic equity, including protecting abortion rights in Maryland, making record investments in public transit which includes building the Baltimore Red Line, providing student debt relief, making higher education affordable, and supporting our immigrant communities and LGBTQ+ Marylanders.

Wes Moore / Aruna Miller
Campaign Website: www.WesMoore.com

QUALIFICATIONS: State organizations and leaders—including the Maryland State Education Association and more state legislators than any candidate in this race—not only see us best positioned to win but also see my experience leading in every sector of American society as what is needed to build a stronger, more equitable future for our state. It's what I've dedicated my career to and it's what I'll do as governor.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: I will leverage this once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a stronger, more inclusive economy through work,

wages, and wealth for every Maryland family. That means creating new pathways to the workforce, accelerating our path to a \$15/hour minimum wage, and breaking down barriers to homeownership. It's what I've done my entire career, and it's exactly what I'll do as Maryland's next governor.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I believe in policing with maximum accountability and appropriate intensity, bringing together federal, state, and local resources to prevent crime while building trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. As governor, I will invest in proven community-based violence intervention programs, fix the Department of Parole and Probation, and invest in local re-entry programs.

EDUCATION: From cradle to career, education is one of the key pillars for Marylanders to access jobs, higher wages, and the opportunity to build wealth to pass on to their children. As governor, I will fix our broken childcare system and make pre-K free for every three and four year old in need, support our educators working their hearts out, fully fund the Blueprint, and build strong workforce pipelines.

HEALTH CARE: There are still over 257,000 Marylanders who lack health coverage and as governor, I will work to ensure universal access to affordable health coverage. Specifically, we will work to make enrollment and renewal in the Medicaid program easier, provide extra subsidies to make private health care more affordable, and provide affordable coverage options for people not eligible for the exchange.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Climate change is devastating our communities and inaction has cost us \$10 billion in the past decade and put our communities at risk. As governor, I will set aggressive targets to generate 100% clean energy by 2035, achieve net-zero emissions by 2045 and implement solutions to address sea-level rise and

extreme heat, prioritizing environmental justice throughout the process.

INFRASTRUCTURE: As governor, I will ensure that we are building 21st-century transportation infrastructure that provides equity both in terms of access and its construction, environmental protections, and strong input from the communities. A Moore-Miller administration will ensure every step is taken to fully understand and mitigate the environmental impacts while meeting the transportation needs of Marylanders.

OTHER PRIORITIES: No matter your start in life, you deserve an equal opportunity to succeed – a job you can raise a family on, a future you can look forward to. My top priority is to create opportunities for people to step into better jobs, earn higher wages, and build wealth they can pass down to their children. In the military we learned a mantra, “leave nobody behind” and that’s exactly what I’ll do as governor.

Tom Perez / Shannon Sneed
Campaign Website: tomperez.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have dedicated my life to fighting for jobs, justice, and opportunity. I’ve done it at the local level on the Montgomery County Council, at the state level as Maryland’s Labor Secretary, and at the federal level as head of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division and as U.S. Labor Secretary under President Obama. I have a proven track record, and I’ll continue that fight as governor.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: We are the richest state in the nation, but far too many Marylanders continue to fall behind. We will create stronger pathways to the middle class by focusing on job creation, creating pipelines to emerging fields through apprenticeships, investing in balanced transportation solutions, and fighting for fair wages

while protecting the right to collective bargaining and prioritizing racial equity.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The most important tool officers have is the trust of the community. I’ll work to support efforts to interrupt violence, get illegal guns off our streets, and provide resources so probation officers can address the most serious crimes. I will also bring my experience with reform efforts at the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division to Maryland to ensure effective, accountable policing.

EDUCATION: We will fully implement the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future—and go beyond. I will bolster educational resiliency by providing alternative school schedules, integrating extracurriculars into existing educational systems, and offering optional additional grades to address learning loss. We will build a pipeline of diverse educators and increase services to address the growing mental health needs.

HEALTH CARE: We need to ensure that every Maryland resident has access to quality, affordable health insurance. We will streamline enrollment into coverage, including for immigrant communities; invest in our healthcare workforce by providing scholarships and free community college to aspiring professionals; and address mental health needs by increasing access to services and substance use treatment.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Combating climate change requires interagency coordination, which is why I will appoint a Climate and Resiliency Coordinator to lead these efforts. We will create tens of thousands of jobs in offshore wind and solar to make Maryland the national leader on green energy generation. We must prioritize climate equity by improving stormwater management, and cooling infrastructure across our state.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We need to prioritize public transit, walking, and biking by creating a balanced

transit system that is dependable, accessible, and affordable. I will revive the Red and Purple Lines, build the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit, and enhance MARC capacity. I will also transition state vehicles to electric and help Marylanders do the same through price incentives and increased charging infrastructure.

OTHER PRIORITIES: If Roe v. Wade is overturned, states may soon be the last bastion for protecting the fundamental right to abortion. I will lead the charge to ratify a state Constitutional amendment to enshrine abortion as an unimpeachable right—while continuing to expand access to reproductive health care for all women. We must also protect voting rights and make Maryland a national model for access to voting.

Jerome M. Segal / Justinian M. Dispenza
Campaign Website: SegalforGovernor.org

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been active in political struggle since the first Vietnam teach-in in 1965. I've worked for civil rights, for peace, and for social equity. I have a Ph.d in Philosophy, a Masters Degree in Public Policy, worked 4 years on Capitol Hill, including 2 on staff of the House Budget Committee, 10 years in the Executive Branch fighting global poverty, and 20 years at UofMD School of Public Policy.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: - A legal right to a job. - Zero interest mortgages for low income families to convert to home ownership and be mortgage free in 15 years - Higher minimum wage - "Near free EV" after subsidies, less than \$5,000. - Free 4 year colleges for those with mode

PUBLIC SAFETY: Each neighborhood could veto the assignment to their neighborhood of any particular police officer they do not trust. Truly humane prisons, so that very dangerous criminals can be removed from communities, yet given a real

chance to develop into decent human beings. - Two months free sleep away camp (Camp David Summer Camp) for children from low income families; counselor jobs for older youth.

EDUCATION: The Blueprint for Maryland is a terrific document on social equity issues - must be fully implemented. However, on the mission of public schools it is a dreadful impoverished document, out of touch with the skills young people will need in the future, and out of touch with the complex mission of schools, to teach America's real history, and to prepare youth for a full and culturally rich life.

HEALTH CARE: We have yet to secure health care, including mental health, as a human right. Either we go to single payer, or we use the tax system to ensure that no one need spend more than 1/10th of income (a half day's pay) to cover all health expenditures including insurance. We also need a youth service corps to enable older people to age and ultimately pass on while at home and among loved ones.

NATURAL RESOURCES: We are destroying the planet. The worst culprit is the pollution from automobiles. We need a massive investment in public transit, and a giant conversion to electric vehicles. This will only be possible for low income families, with the "Near Free EV" -- GM makes them in China. We will bring them to Md. even if we have to build them with a state owned auto company.

INFRASTRUCTURE: We focus on infrastructure that improves the environment, such as public transport, and clean electricity. We don't encourage more use of the automobile. We limit highway and bridge investment to safety. We deal with congestion by expanding work at home and by moving to the 4 day work week.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Time Liberty: Giving anyone who has had a job for 3 years, the right to go 1/2 time or to a 4 day week without penalty. -

Giving people of retirement age the right to hold onto their jobs very part time. - Viewing Beauty and Creativity as basic human needs. = Making love of books, and the ability to contribute to the beauty of the world central aims of our schools. - Teaching virt

Maryland Comptroller

DUTIES: The Comptroller is the financial officer of Maryland. He or she is responsible for collecting, managing and planning for revenue to support the state budget. The Comptroller collects and administers Maryland taxes on income (both personal and corporate), retail sales, motor vehicle fuel, tobacco, beer, and wine and liquor, as well as estate taxes. The Comptroller serves on the Board of Public Works along with the Governor and the state Treasurer, who is appointed by the General Assembly. The Board of Public Works must approve major contracts for the purchase of goods or service by any department of state government.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARIES: \$150,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE:

msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08con off/html/03compf.html

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of Comptroller?

STATE CONTRACTS: What criteria would you use for evaluating contracts and capital projects that are subject to approval by the Board of Public Works?

REVENUE SYSTEM: What policies will you implement to improve the efficiency of the collection of Maryland taxes?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Barry Glassman

Campaign Website: www.barryglassman.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I believe I am uniquely qualified to carry on the tradition of strong independent Maryland Comptrollers. As the leader of one of Maryland's largest counties, my Administration has earned praise for strong fiscal management and innovation with a fully funded pension obligation and 24 AAA bond ratings, a distinction earned by only 2% of counties nationwide. The next comptroller will need to be

STATE CONTRACTS: The Comptroller's role on the Board of Public Works is perhaps the most important responsibility of the office. As the taxpayer's representative, the Comptroller should strive to make sure As the only candidate for comptroller who has chaired a similar body, the Harford County Board of Estimates, I worked with my procurement office to save the taxpayers \$26.4 million over the past seven years

REVENUE SYSTEM: As Harford County Executive, I have launched over seven digital platforms to improve efficiency, save money and improve customer service. One of my first steps as Comptroller would be a top down evaluation of the Office's digital infrastructure to make sure the State is collecting taxes properly but processing returns and assisting preparers quickly as well.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Currently, the most pressing issue facing Maryland's families is the spiking inflationary pressures of food, services and goods. Energy prices continue to strain the budgets of our working families and small businesses. The cost of housing along with this increased cost of living threatens the next generation of Marylanders to live and raise a family here in our State. I have managed a local

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Timothy J. Adams

Campaign Website: www.timadams.org

QUALIFICATIONS: I will bring 30 years of executive management experience to the comptroller's office. As a Mayor who governed during COVID-19 and a CEO running one of America's largest black owned companies, I have rigorously evaluated capital investments, improved equity in services, and prioritized transparency. This is the experience needed to make our taxes efficient and fair and ensure accountability.

STATE CONTRACTS: To earn my vote, capital projects must: Create demonstrable value for Maryland taxpayers Coincide with a transparent long-term strategy Taken as a whole, provide equal opportunity for all Marylanders whether they live in Western Maryland, West Baltimore, or the Eastern Shore. Taken as a whole, demonstrate that the state is on track to finally meet its procurement commitments to Minority Businesses

REVENUE SYSTEM: As Comptroller, I'd: Work with the legislature to implement a return-free filing system for families making less than \$100,000, simplifying taxes for tens of thousands of Marylanders. Launch an investigation into tax

loopholes and publish recommendations for tax reform. Author a report on adult-use Marijuana legalization that offers a framework for the legislature to raise new education revenues.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Accountability: I will launch an office of investigations and government accountability to fight public corruption and protect taxpayer funds. Schools: I will implement a school funding audit to provide the public regular updates on the fiscal health of public schools.

Transportation: I will push for investment in transportation infrastructure, including the completion of Baltimore's Red Line.

Brooke Elizabeth Lierman

Campaign Website: www.brookelierman.com

QUALIFICATIONS: As a leader on the state's fiscal committees, including chair of the Pensions Committee, I have a track record of getting big things done. I'll be ready on day one to lead the office, advocate for families and small businesses, and modernize the agency to increase accountability and transparency.

STATE CONTRACTS: We must ensure the best value for all taxpayers. That means ensuring state spending grows our economy by keeping dollars local, tackling the wealth divide by investing in minority, women and veteran-owned businesses, and using sustainable practices to prepare for climate change. We must use purchasing power to build generational wealth and build for generations to come.

REVENUE SYSTEM: I will introduce new technology to modernize the process of paying taxes and make receiving refunds more efficient. This will ensure that each taxpayer and corporation pays their fair share and also allow every family & small business to know which tax credits they qualify for, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit. I

will also create a Taxpayer Advocate Office to assist taxpayers at every step.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Maryland faces many economic challenges but also big opportunities. We must tackle inflation, the racial wealth divide, climate change, and fully fund public education. As Comptroller, I will be a leader who brings people together to find solutions that unlock the potential of our communities and small businesses, increase economic opportunity for all, and build financially-resilient families.

Maryland Attorney General

DUTIES: The Attorney General is the chief legal officer of Maryland, providing legal advice to the Governor, the legislature, all state departments and boards, and most commissions. The Attorney General represents the state in all cases that relate to the Governor, the General Assembly and most state agencies. The office also has responsibilities for consumer protection, civil rights, medical and investment fraud, and the juvenile justice system.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$150,000 .

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide.

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/attorney/html/06agf.html

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of Attorney General?

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: What steps will you take to improve the

efficiency and fairness of legal processes in Maryland?

PUBLIC SAFETY: What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

PUBLIC HEALTH: What actions will you take to address issues such as domestic violence, human trafficking or substance abuse?

JUVENILE JUSTICE: What is your philosophy on the issues involved in juvenile justice?

CONSUMER PROTECTION: Describe your approach to consumer protection.

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Michael Anthony Peroutka

Campaign Website: patriots4peroutka.com

No response received by print deadline;
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Jim Shalleck

Campaign Website: jimshalleck.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I was a prosecutor for 24 years before going into private practice. I was an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, NY; Chief of the Bronx DA Homicide Bureau; Prosecuted David Berkowitz, "Son of Sam" killer, for 3 Bronx murders; an Assistant Attorney General of New York State; Attorney for United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. Since 1994, private law practice in Maryland.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: I will establish community offices throughout the State where every month an Assistant Attorney General will meet with residents to hear their concerns, complaints and information that will help our office initiate, investigate and prosecute, if necessary, criminal conduct, discrimination, and other violations of law in areas such as the environment, elections, civil rights, and elder abuse.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Reducing crime will be my top priority. I will create a Major Offense Bureau to assist or replace local prosecutors in the prosecution of violent and repeat offenders. No plea bargaining or deals with these offenders. Police accountability will be reviewed by my staff with my personal involvement. Restoring public trust in policing and the criminal justice system will come from more transparency.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The most violent and serious offenders of these crimes must be prosecuted vigorously with no plea bargaining or deals. This includes dealers and distributors of illegal drugs and narcotics. Drug users and addicts should be given drug treatment, therapy and counseling. Addiction is a disease and should be treated so that they can be cured.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: The crime committed by a juvenile and their history should determine their punishment and/or treatment. As a prosecutor, some of the most violent and heinous crimes I've seen have been committed by juveniles as young as 14. Juveniles committing non-violent offenses and who are not serious repeat offenders need treatment, counseling, drug or mental health programs. Others may need incarceration.

CONSUMER PROTECTION: Consumer fraud is primarily an offense against the elderly, infirm and most vulnerable. To me, these are very serious criminal offenses especially by those who prey on these victims. The most effective way to deter these

scammers is to seek meaningful jail sentences against the worst offenders. This will deter others from scamming and defrauding victims not just fines and desist orders.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Reducing crime is my top priority. We must protect our residents and make Maryland a safer place to live and raise a family. Other issues of major concern include environmental crime and pollution, election fraud, elder abuse, and rights of parents. The Attorney General's plate is very full and I pledge to devote all my energies and abilities to proudly serving the public.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Anthony G. Brown

Campaign Website: anthonybrown.com

QUALIFICATIONS: With three decades as a lawyer, in federal and state courts, Army JAG officer, and regulatory attorney, representing clients against big tobacco and pro bono clients, and with twenty-two years leading in the legislative and executive branches of government, I bring the breadth of experience needed to lead and manage the Attorney General's Office, the largest public interest law firm in Maryland.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: As Attorney General, while I represent state government, I work for the people. They deserve efficiency and fairness of legal processes—criminal, civil and administrative. That begins with employing dedicated professionals who reflect Maryland's diversity and who are committed to equity and justice for all. I'll fight for needed reforms before the General Assembly and not accept the status quo.

PUBLIC SAFETY: I am an original cosponsor of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act which seeks to improve police accountability, I supported the First Step Act to reduce recidivism, and I advocated in Annapolis for a ban on "ghost guns." I will seek pattern or practice investigation authority over police misconduct, and I will continue to advocate for stricter gun laws such as universal background checks.

PUBLIC HEALTH: These issues require greater public awareness and education on the risks and signs associated with them. Regarding domestic violence, I led the 2009 effort to authorize judges to order domestic abusers to surrender their firearms, eight months after my cousin was killed by her estranged boyfriend. I'll work, as I have in the past, with advocates to develop best practices to address these issues.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: We need to treat children like children and not treat them in a way that turns them into hardened criminals. Juvenile justice should focus on restorative justice, not retribution and punishment. Absent the involvement of a firearm, most misdemeanor offenses committed by juveniles should be resolved through diversionary programs, not incarceration. Mental health and educational services are a must.

CONSUMER PROTECTION: The Consumer Protection Division safeguards Marylanders' health, hard-earned dollars, and identity. I'll combat price-gouging at the pumps and in the grocery stores, take action against predatory lenders, protect seniors and vulnerable individuals from fraudulent scams, prosecute businesses engaging in deceptive and unfair trade practices, and prevent anticompetitive pricing by large corporations.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The Attorney General is engaged in a wide range of issues across the enterprise of state government. Other top priorities for me will be addressing climate change, enforcing

environmental standards and environmental justice; protecting workers' rights and enforcing labor standards; protecting civil and voting rights of all Marylanders; and defending against assaults on women's reproductive rights.

Katie Curran O'Malley

Campaign Website: www.katieformd.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 30 years of experience working in Maryland's court rooms as an Assistant State's Attorney and as a District Court judge. I know how the criminal justice system works and how it doesn't. I will use that experience to protect Marylanders from rising crime, fight for a woman's right to choose, and defend Marylanders voting rights.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: As a prosecutor and judge for 30 years, I understand the flaws of the justice system. I support reforming juvenile justice to prioritize compassionate rehabilitation, establishing a right to counsel in housing and immigration courts, and creating Sentencing and Conviction Review Unit to investigate wrongful convictions.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Since 2015, gun violence in Maryland has risen 36% while we all witnessed countless senseless police-involved killings. We can only achieve safer communities through equitable policing. I will work to reduce gun violence by prioritizing gun trafficking prosecutions, while simultaneously partnering with local and national advocacy groups to establish community-based law enforcement policies.

PUBLIC HEALTH: What actions will you take to address issues such as domestic violence, human trafficking or substance abuse? Defending survivors has been a cornerstone of my career as a prosecutor and judge. As Attorney General, I will work to reduce the rape kit backlog, advocate for strong

sexual assault laws, and ensure victims services are easily accessible for survivors of abuse, trafficking, and assault.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: We need to prioritize compassion and rehabilitation in juvenile justice, acknowledging that these children need guidance. I supported the General Assembly's recent juvenile justice reform laws. Non-incarceration solutions must be our priority. Moreover, we must expand educational programs that reorient juveniles towards healthy and productive lives.

CONSUMER PROTECTION: To protect our state's consumers, I will take on corporations and individuals that threaten Marylanders' economic liberties. As a past white collar crime prosecutor, I will bring cases that challenge predatory actors, corporate monopolies, and lobby for the President to forgive student loan debt. I will especially ensure that our seniors are protected from fraud and scams.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Voting rights and reproductive rights are two of my top priorities. Americans are facing an unprecedented conservative assault on our democratic and reproductive freedoms. When elected Attorney General, I will be a tenacious advocate "in courtrooms and in legislatures" for these basic freedoms.

U.S. Senator

DUTIES: U.S. Senators make laws along with the members of the U.S. House of Representatives. They also ratify treaties and conduct investigations on issues of national importance. The Senate confirms presidential appointments, including Supreme Court justices.

TERM: Six years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$174,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected statewide. In 2022, Maryland voters will elect one of our two Senators. About one-third of the 100 members of the Senate are elected every two years.

WEBSITE: senate.gov/

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of United States Senator?

ELECTIONS: What should the federal government's role be in the election process?

COURT SYSTEM: What measures, if any, would you support to reform the US federal court system?

HEALTH CARE: What changes in federal health care policy do you advocate and why?

IMMIGRATION: What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

ENVIRONMENT: How do you balance environmental concerns with the goal of strengthening our country's infrastructure and economy?

GUN SAFETY: Please provide your position on federal gun safety legislation.

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Chris Chaffee

No response received by print deadline;
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George Davis

Nnabu Eze

The candidates above did not respond by our print deadline; check Vote411.org

Lorie R. Friend

Campaign Website: electafriend.org

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a woman of middle age, a mother, of three wonderful children, and a seasoned nurse at a hospital for over 25 years. I always rise to the call of duty, make hard call when stakes are high, and I am effective in complex and challenging institutional settings.

ELECTIONS: There is a present attempt by the Federal government to usurp our constitutional state based election process. I do not support the Federal Government taking control of our election process by either party.

COURT SYSTEM: There is present movement to "pack" the Supreme Court. I am opposed to further politicization of the Supreme Court by either party.

HEALTH CARE: I passionately support the freedom of patients to make independent medical decisions with the counsel of their own doctors. I am equally opposed to generalized and politically motivated medical movements.

IMMIGRATION: While it is fair to say that brevity is often the heart of wit, to answer these complex questions in 50 words or less is far too limited. That being said, I support secure borders and reasonable immigration policy.

ENVIRONMENT: As a conservationist, I support policies for clean water and safe air for the health of our families, I support renewable energy that is affordable and efficient. At the same time, I recognize that we need to be energy efficient.

GUN SAFETY: This seems as though it is a loaded question. pun intended. Firearms are inherently dangerous; accordingly, I favor gun safety training. I support our natural right to defend ourselves and our families.

OTHER PRIORITIES: INFLATION, INFLATION, INFLATION!!! This is in effect a stealth tax caused by our irresponsible monetary policy and the deficit spending by the federal government. I strongly oppose these policies.

Reba A. Hawkins

Campaign Website: rebaformaryland.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have spent time organizing on the ground in Baltimore helping the disadvantage fight against payday loans and predatory lending and for better education opportunities. I have also been a small business owner for over 20 years.

ELECTIONS: The federal government should take an active role in safeguarding the right to vote for everyone. The John Lewis Act should be passed.

COURT SYSTEM: The most important is protecting the right to counsel by extending the time to acquire counsel for defendants from 21 days to 31 days

HEALTH CARE: Our healthcare system needs an overhaul. We have a staff shortage. I would support programs to help cover the cost of education for those in the healthcare field.

IMMIGRATION: We need to fix our broken immigration system. Anyone that wants to come and take part in the American Dream should be able to. I would support a pathway to citizenship for those already here and active in our society.

ENVIRONMENT: Our environment is important. Our infrastructure is import. We can strike a balance between the two. We never have to sacrifice one for the other.

GUN SAFETY: I am a supporter of the second amendment, and I believe in constitutional gun safety. The right to protect oneself and family is paramount, but we absolutely must address gun violence and mass shootings.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We must do everything we can to support Black Women business owners who have been the drivers of our economy. I will work every day of my term to help remove red tape and access to capital. I will fight everyday to bring manufacturing to the USA and bring back apprenticeship for trades we need.

Jon McGreevey

Joseph Perez

Todd A. Puglisi

James Tarantin

John Thormann

The candidates above did not respond by our print deadline; check Vote411.org

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Michelle L. Smith

No response received by print deadline; check Vote411.org

Chris Van Hollen

Campaign Website: www.vanhollen.org

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm running for the U.S. Senate to uphold our values of justice, equality, and freedom; to protect our democracy; and to continue to deliver real results for Maryland. I've fought successfully to bring key investments to support our schools and students, modernize our infrastructure,

protect the Chesapeake Bay, provide more affordable health care and housing, and help our seniors and veterans.

ELECTIONS: Every voice must be heard to achieve the goals of our democracy. I'm an original sponsor of the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to fortify our democracy against the Big Lie, protect the right to vote, and end voter suppression. Both go hand-in-hand with my fight to rid our elections of secret, dark money that puts special interests ahead of the American people.

COURT SYSTEM: An independent judiciary made up of diverse voices is a key element of democracy and freedoms. We need to preserve and protect it from those trying to undermine the Constitutional rights it aims to safeguard. I'm working to confirm federal judges with an unwavering commitment to protecting Americans' rights and freedoms and delivering equal justice under the law.

HEALTH CARE: All Americans need affordable health care. I have defended the Affordable Care Act against GOP attacks and worked to increase access to mental health and other services with a goal of universal care. I have championed bills to reduce prescription drug and health care costs including allowing Medicare to negotiate on drug prices, tackle the medical debt crisis, and end health disparities.

IMMIGRATION: America is a nation of immigrants, from our founding to today. I believe that enabling immigrants to become a strong and vital part of our country is not only consistent with our values but is a proven path to strengthening our economic future. I support comprehensive immigration reform, which combines a path to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS recipients, and others with effective border security.

ENVIRONMENT: We must address the climate crisis. I proposed the Polluters Pay Climate Fund

plan to require the worst polluters like Big Oil to help cover climate clean-up costs. We can grow our clean energy economy, prevent more damage, and create good-paying jobs. The new infrastructure law advances that goal with funds for the Bay, climate change, and cleaner options, like transit and electric vehicles.

GUN SAFETY: Too many Marylanders face the loss of loved from gun violence. We need common-sense reforms like universal background checks, and reinstating federal bans on high-capacity magazines and semi-automatic assault weapons. We can build on executive actions on limiting ghost guns, expand community violence prevention programs, and pass my legislation for stronger oversight enhancing gun safety.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We must build a stronger, more inclusive economy with more shared prosperity. We can end tax giveaways for the super wealthy and increase paychecks for working families while cutting everyday costs on everything from prescription drugs to child care. Also, it's vital that we protect Americans' freedoms and pass the Women's Health Protection Act to codify the legal right to reproductive choice.

Representative in Congress

Congressional District 1

DUTIES: Representatives make laws along with the members of the Senate and may conduct investigations on issues of national importance. Laws that impose taxes always begin in the House of Representatives. Representatives can

recommend that the Senate remove from office a public official accused of a crime.

TERM: Two years.

SALARY: \$174,000.

HOW ELECTED: Elected by voters in each congressional district. Maryland has eight of the 435 Representatives, based on the state's population in the 2020 Census.

WEBSITE: house.gov

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Representative in the United States Congress?

ELECTIONS: What should the federal government's role be in the election process?

COURT SYSTEM: What measures, if any, would you support to reform the US federal court system?

HEALTH CARE: What changes in federal health care policy do you advocate and why?

IMMIGRATION: What changes would you propose in immigration policy?

ENVIRONMENT: How do you balance environmental concerns with the goal of strengthening our country's infrastructure and economy?

GUN SAFETY: Please provide your position on federal gun safety legislation.

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Andy Harris

Campaign Website: andyharris.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have represented the 1st Congressional District since 2011. I am also a licensed physician, and a veteran.

ELECTIONS: The US Constitution clearly gives most election oversight to the states. The US should step in only when discrimination is occurring.

COURT SYSTEM: We need to expand the number of circuit courts in order to decrease the number of backlogged cases in each circuit and allow for more prompt justice.

HEALTH CARE: We need to preserve the provider-patient relationship as the basis of all health care reform. We also will need to help train more health care providers since they are difficult to find in many rural areas - the Eastern Shore especially. Health care costs also need to be controlled, including the cost of prescription drugs.

IMMIGRATION: We need to enforce immigration law at the southern border, and we need to make sure that we have an adequate number of temporary foreign workers for our tourism and seafood industry especially.

ENVIRONMENT: We need to take environmental concerns into account - but we must remember that it is our strong economy that allows us to afford environmental protection - that's why other poorer nations cannot afford to protect their environment.

GUN SAFETY: We need to enforce all our current gun laws. Clearly, in places like Baltimore City this is not being done, and results in unnecessary violence.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We need to control federal spending in order to control runaway inflation and rising costs. We need to restore

parental involvement in our public schools and their curriculum. We need to restore our leadership in energy production - all forms of energy including fossil fuels - to bring down the price of gas and diesel. We need to stop all fentanyl at our southern border.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

R. David Harden

Campaign Website:

www.hardenforcongress.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I was a Senior Foreign Service Officer and a Senate-confirmed political appointee with the Obama Administration. In that capacity, I led efforts to negotiate peaceful solutions to conflict in many of the world's most dangerous places, while safeguarding American strategic interests. I have managed responses to the most complex crises of our generation. I served America and am ready to serve MD01.

ELECTIONS: The Electoral Count Act specifies Congress' limited role in presiding over an election. I support a bipartisan effort to strengthen the Act to guarantee that neither Congress nor an incumbent vice president can subvert any state's electoral outcome. More specifically, I support a national holiday for voting, standardized early and mail in voting, and reasonable access for all voters.

COURT SYSTEM: Federal jurists should be held to greater ethics laws, including disclosure of any current or past relationships between judges and litigants. Second, such ethics requirements should be applied to Supreme Court justices to ensure they have no conflicts of interest on pending cases. Finally, the Senate should not confirm judicial

nominees who receive "not-qualified" ratings from the ABA.

HEALTH CARE: Congress must pass the Women's Health Protection Act to codify Roe v. Wade. Second, I support expanding the Affordable Care Act for those who still remain uninsured, and I support a related public option. Finally, I believe we need a comprehensive national strategy for improving the quality and access of mental health care services to Americans in need of help.

IMMIGRATION: The United States needs comprehensive immigration reform beginning with adequate and effective border controls, a pathway to citizenship for the small class of Dreamers, increased admittance of refugees particularly given the mass displacement in Ukraine, and a merit-based immigration system.

ENVIRONMENT: The White House and Congress must commit to investing in renewable energy sources, which will reduce carbon emissions, improve air and water quality and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Second, we must take advantage of this moment to invest in our nation's transit infrastructure. Finally, we must provide our state and local governments with the resources to limit development sprawl.

GUN SAFETY: The Second Amendment is no greater or lesser of a right than any other constitutional right. Reasonable safety measures on the use and sale of guns is well established constitutional law. Terrorists, felons, domestic abusers, and the mentally incapacitated should not own a gun. It's also time we close the "gun show" and the "Charleston" loopholes. This is common sense.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Voters are most concerned about inflation, economic uncertainty, the rising risk of recession, and how these short-to-medium term trends affect their families. In the decade ahead, voters seek economic security,

inclusive opportunity, and prosperity. Despite these priorities, there is a deepening consensus that career politicians do not understand and cannot deliver solutions.

Heather R. Mizeur

Campaign Website: heathermizeur.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a skilled legislator with policy experience at the federal, state and local levels and a reputation as a pragmatic consensus builder who knows how to get things done. I turn plans into action; ideas into laws. As a state legislator, I won passage of bipartisan laws to expand health coverage, protect the environment, and strengthen the economy for small businesses and working families.

ELECTIONS: As a Maryland Legislator, I was proud to have expanded voting access, but not all states have done so. While the states administer elections, the federal government must be a guarantor of the right to vote. I am a strong supporter of the For the People Act, which will expand access to early voting, vote by mail, end gerrymandering and dark money in politics, and clean up government corruption.

COURT SYSTEM: We must remove partisan politics from the judicial system and restore America's confidence in the impartiality of federal courts. I support exploring required term limits for federal judges and SCOTUS justices as well as expanding judicial ethics requirements and extending them to the high court. I am open to any dialogue that finds consensus on reforms to assure the independence of the courts.

HEALTH CARE: I will seek to expand who qualifies for coverage, improve the benefits packages, and will work to bring down out-of-pocket costs through better subsidies and copayment rules. I support allowing Medicare to negotiate directly

with drug companies to reduce Rx prices and will prioritize our rural health care needs by focusing on ways to attract more and better health care providers to our region.

IMMIGRATION: I support comprehensive immigration reform that includes both a clear pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants and a commitment to border security.

ENVIRONMENT: The health of our economy and our environment are intertwined, not mutually exclusive -- and so are my plans for addressing these challenges. My EconomyFirst plan and my Agri-Climate plan lay out visions for investing in infrastructure upgrades while creating clean energy jobs and centering farmers as part of the climate crisis solution while supporting our important agricultural economy.

GUN SAFETY: I support the Second Amendment. I also believe that with important rights come even greater responsibilities. It is critical for Congress to address the epidemic of gun violence plaguing our nation -- it is now the leading cause of death for children. I am in favor of common sense federal gun safety legislation, including federal background checks and red flag laws.

OTHER PRIORITIES: My top priority as your Congresswoman will always be the economy first -- leading conversations and driving policy solutions that will keep our economy vibrant and strong. That starts with tackling inflation, lowering taxes for middle class families and small business owners, and creating more good-paying jobs. You can read my robust 33-page EconomyFirst plan, a blueprint for action, on my website.

Maryland State Senate

DUTIES: State Senators represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly. The General Assembly enacts laws, raises revenue through taxes and fees, and appropriates funds for all state agencies in an annual budget. The General Assembly may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters. The Senate also confirms the Governor's appointments of judges and the heads of certain government agencies.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$52,343 as of January 11, 2023.

HOW ELECTED: Elected districtwide. The state is divided into 47 legislative districts. Each district is represented by one State Senator.

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmannual/07leg/html/gaf.html

Senator District 36

HOW ELECTED: District 36 includes all of Kent and Queen Anne's counties and parts of Cecil and Caroline counties. One Senator is elected by all qualified voters in the areas cited.

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of State Senator?

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: What role should the state play in addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland?

PUBLIC SAFETY: What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

EDUCATION: What actions will you take to improve education in Maryland, especially given the impact of the COVID pandemic?

HEALTH: What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

NATURAL RESOURCES: What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment, and how will you address it?

LOCAL PROJECTS: What issues or projects are your priority for your own district?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Rick Bowers

Campaign Website: www.voterickbowers.com

QUALIFICATIONS: My experience as a pastor with an understanding of scripture and our constitution makes me uniquely qualified. I am also a small businessman so I understand the struggles of staying in business. In 2018 I was elected to the Republican Central Committee. I have been politically active for 25 years and I have learned to listen so I can be your voice. I am ready to serve you.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Why are they economically disadvantaged? The solution and proportion of government involvement would differ based on that answer. I am willing to support those working towards supporting themselves, I am not willing to provide for the lazy or unwilling. Disabled citizens should be helped as much as possible. Vocational training and other opportunities should also be available to all.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Law enforcement officers are accountable to the oath they take and the code of conduct their agency provides. These standards are accepted statewide and nationwide. Police should be tried by their peers not civilians uneducated in law enforcement. Prosecutors must prosecute criminals not plead them out. Most police officers are honest. Reinstate the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights.

EDUCATION: I will work to provide school choice whether it is private, charter, online, homeschool etc. parents decide not federal authorities what they want their child taught. Tax dollars follow the child and we must get ghost students off the books. I believe we need curriculum in the public school that is not written through a lens of bias. Children must be taught useful life skills not political views.

HEALTH: Drug addiction and government overreach into our our personal health are the two biggest. Drug addiction must be addressed by a joint effort between the faith community and the medical/mental health community. I have personally worked with many, some more successfully than others. Government overreach: No person should be forced to take a medication they are not fully comfortable with.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The health of the Chesapeake is key in my mind. Our local economy depends on it. I will work the states whose waters flow into the Susquehanna River in an effort to make them accountable and financially responsible

for the damage they cause with their pollution. I will also work with the watermen not against them.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I want to see every student have reliable internet service at home. It is essential for the success of our students as well as our future business growth. Queen Anne's County is the only county on the shore mandated to comply with the Vehicle Emissions Program. I will work with our Federal authorities to redistrict QAC. I don't think foreign entities should own land in Maryland.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Voter integrity is essential. I would like paper ballots and no machines involved. Law Enforcement Bill of Rights, we must stand behind our police officers. I will protect our First Amendment rights of Freedom as well as our Second Amendment rights. I am pro life and I do not support abortion. I will make myself available to the people of my district. I will not hide from those I serve

Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.
Campaign Website: senatorhershey.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Served as your Senator for last 9 years; 6 as the Minority Whip. Proven leadership experience fighting for conservative causes while achieving results for the Eastern Shore. In Annapolis, serve on Finance Committee, Oyster Advisory Commission and Rural Healthcare Workgroup. Also Vice President of Project & Development for a commercial real estate firm. Earned MBA and degree in Civil Engineering.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: As we emerge from the pandemic's economic turmoil, we must ensure opportunities for all to return to work and succeed. I've supported our job creators & local businesses by passing legislation that lowers the unemployment insurance tax. I passed the Rural Broadband for the Eastern Shore Act of 2020 to

expand infrastructure & access, as a result over 1,000 new locations are available for connection

PUBLIC SAFETY: First responders play a critical role in keeping our communities safe, working long hours under extraordinary stresses as the first line of defense for the wellbeing of our citizens. It's important that we keep moving forward with policies that help us recruit, retain, and appropriately compensate those who enforce the law, protect our families and businesses from crime, and stand up for victims.

EDUCATION: I strongly support a public education system that encourages and welcomes parental involvement at the administrative and classroom level. I support school choice. There are many options for a positive educational environment. Throughout the pandemic, many families chose alternative options to public education. Those families should not be penalized for making the right choice for their children.

HEALTH: Access to quality healthcare and costs are the biggest challenges. I just passed two bills that: 1) creates the Rural Health Collaborative to support Mid-Shore communities and stakeholders in planning a regional health system; 2) will reimburse EMS for providing the non-emergency community based services in our Mobile Integrated Health program. I'm committed to sustaining the Chestertown Hospital.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Representing the Eastern Shore, I understand the importance of healthy waterways, clean air and an environment that promotes tourism and outdoor activities. However, our laws and regulations cannot be so burdensome to harm or diminish our commercial seafood and farming industries. I'll continue to fight for our farmers and watermen while seeking a balance between our environment and our economy.

LOCAL PROJECTS:

OTHER PRIORITIES: I focused my two major pieces of legislation on tax relief for Seniors. The Retirement Tax Reduction Act of 2022 creates a \$1,000 to \$1,750 tax credit to retirees. The other removes restrictions and allows counties to create more substantial property tax relief for Seniors and Veterans. These build on my years of advocating for tax relief and strengthening retirement security for Maryland Seniors.

Heather Lynette Sinclair

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE:

www.heatherlynettesinclair.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been a multi-state citizen lobbyist drafting, lobbying, and helping pass legislation across the country for a decade.

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: Since the government controls everything, it's the job of the government to remove barriers placed by previous lawmakers that directly led to higher unemployment rates and higher poverty rates.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The General Assembly has already enacted several pieces of legislation that sufficiently addresses police accountability. Removing barriers to upward financial mobility, giving citizens tax relief, and removing heavy, burdensome and unnecessary regulations leads to lower crime rates and better mental health in our communities.

EDUCATION: As a mother of two, and a former homeschooler, I support school choice.

HEALTH: The most significant health challenge is the skyrocketing cost of healthcare leaving people unable to afford it. My plan will make healthcare transparent, accountable, patient-centered, and competitive in the free market to make healthcare affordable again.

NATURAL RESOURCES: The greatest concern is the health of the bay and the failed agreements of

prior lawmakers to hold Exelon Corp and other states accountable for shared responsibility in reducing nutrient and sediment that pollutes the Chesapeake Bay. I will work tirelessly with other state lawmakers and members of Congress to finally address this issue.

LOCAL PROJECTS: I will bring tax relief, jobs, and access to quality, affordable healthcare to the district.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Constitutional rights, 2A, government transparency, election integrity, pro-cryptocurrency, lower taxes. Overturning laws that passed that stripped our rights away. Power to the People!

Maryland House of Delegates

DUTIES: Members of the House of Delegates represent residents in each legislative district in the Maryland General Assembly. The General Assembly enacts laws, raises revenue through taxes and fees, and appropriates funds for all state agencies in an annual budget. The General Assembly may propose amendments to the state Constitution for ratification by the voters.

TERM: Four years. No term limit.

SALARY: \$52,343 as of January 11, 2023.

HOW ELECTED: Elected district-wide. The state is divided into 47 legislative districts. Each district is represented by three Delegates, for a total of 141 Delegates statewide.

WEBSITE: msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmannual/07leg/html/gaf.html

House of Delegates 36

HOW ELECTED: District 36 includes all of Kent and Queen Anne's counties and parts of Cecil and Caroline counties. Qualified voters in District 36 cast votes for 3 candidates. The 3 candidates who receive the largest number of votes are elected EXCEPT that each person elected must live in a different county.

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of the House of Delegates?

ECONOMIC INEQUITIES: What role should the state play in addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged people in Maryland?

PUBLIC SAFETY: What policies do you favor to reduce crime in Maryland while improving police accountability in communities?

EDUCATION: What actions will you take to improve education in Maryland, especially given the impact of the COVID pandemic?

HEALTH: What are the most significant health challenges facing Maryland and how will you address them?

NATURAL RESOURCES: What is your greatest concern regarding Maryland's natural resources/environment, and how will you address it?

LOCAL PROJECTS: What issues or projects are your priority for your own district?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

House of Delegates District 36 Caroline County

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Jeff Ghrist

No response received by print deadline;
check Vote411.org

House of Delegates District 36 Kent County

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Jay A. Jacobs

No response received by print deadline;
check Vote411.org

House of Delegates District 36 Queen Anne's County

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Steve Arentz

No response received by print deadline;
check Vote411.org

Queen Anne's County Offices

Queen Anne's County Commissioner

ABOUT THE OFFICE: There are five County Commissioners, four of whom are elected at large, with one residing in each of the four County Commissioner Districts of the county. The fifth, also elected at large, holds the position of President of the County Commissioners for the first year of his or her term and may reside in any area of the county. Following the first year of their term the County Commissioners annually, by majority vote, select one Commissioner to serve as President of the County Commissioners.

TERM: Four years, with no term limits

SALARY: \$25,000

HOW ELECTED: Select one candidate from at-large and each district, for a total of 5.

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

STIMULUS MONEY: What are your priorities for using the federal stimulus money, and do your priorities for using the stimulus funds for infrastructure include broadband?

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: What are your priorities for the county's land use policies?

EDUCATION: What steps will you take to improve community support for the public schools?

PUBLIC HEALTH: How can we safeguard the county's health against future epidemics?

EMPLOYMENT/ JOBS: What steps should the county government take to encourage economic development and job growth?

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: How would you increase the availability of affordable housing for county residents?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

Queen Anne's County Commissioner At Large

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Jim Moran

Campaign Website:

www.citizensforjim Moran.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been blessed with owning and operating two successful businesses for the last 30 plus years though the good and bad times. I am a family man that has raised three children with my wife Marybeth, and now we are presently enjoying 5 grandchildren. I was appointed the At-Large seat in 2013, and have won the last two elections, I thank the voters of Queen Anne's Co. for their confidence in me

STIMULUS MONEY: Yes, Broadband is the number one priority for me, connectivity has proven crucial during the pandemic. Park

upgrades and expansion of outdoor activities along with aging infrastructure projects.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: We are just completing the 2022 Comp Plan update, which has had its challenges due to the fact that we have no sewer capacity remaining for any large, or small housing projects that are not already in the process. The capacity issue is what needs to be worked on before anything else can happen.

EDUCATION: The pandemic has had such an adverse effect on our community when it comes to education. The push for no mask, back in class, and no more virtual learning has strained the relationship between parents and our school system. Hopefully time will heal this and the focus can be on the students and what is best for them.

PUBLIC HEALTH: We have learned a great deal from the Covid pandemic. We now have a warehouse full of protective gear for our county and first responders. We know what works to keep our first responders safe, and I think each household, person has seen first hand what they need to do to stay healthy.

EMPLOYMENT: We have an Economic Development Commission, along with an Economic Development Department that has some of Queen Anne's County's best minds working to bring jobs to the county. Honestly, government should be there to support the growth of local jobs in any way possible. This includes supporting grants for business expansions and relocations to our county.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Great question, but now that we have a capacity issue at our sewer plant, as in there is no more capacity, things have changed. We must address the lack of capacity, and how we can get more capacity and possibly earmark the new capacity to affordable housing projects. The 2nd thing that needs to happen is allowing higher density on these projects so that developers are willing to build them.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Making Queen Anne's County number one in the state when it comes to farm preservation. Since I have been in office we have preserved more farmland than any other county in the state. We need to move forward with replacing both the Board of Education building and the County Detention center. Both of these projects are high priority, and need to be done.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Merle Joy Schwartz

QUALIFICATIONS: With twenty years of leadership experience in the corporate and nonprofit space, I bring to Queen Anne's County a fresh perspective and appreciation for the diversity of thought that our county represents. I ask why and what if questions, while being committed to data-based decision making. I have managed individuals, teams of people and been accountable for multi-million-dollar projects.

STIMULUS MONEY: Using stimulus funds for affordable broadband with customer choice is one of my top three priorities. There should be competition for broadband services which is healthy. My two additional priorities include infrastructure and education. We need a fact-based plan for repair and rebuilding of roads and the bridge. Our public education must be focused on academics and 21st century skills.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: My priorities for land use include planning in a way that acknowledges the different perspectives while setting policy that is not influenced by attempts to bend policy after it is fairly set. I believe that land use should be planned to encourage the rural feel,

maintenance of farm-to-business development, and open to growth where there is municipal infrastructure to support it.

EDUCATION: I would take steps to improve communication so residents of our county are aware of the good practices and programs in place, the challenges our schools face, how students are performing, and the efforts of our teaching staff. I would be sure that communications share data. I would also strongly encourage the appreciation of teachers so that we are not victims of the national teacher shortage.

PUBLIC HEALTH: We need to stay ahead of developing issues by using data with frequent clear communication, in multiple formats. Public announcements should be frequent that include pressing issues such as opioid addiction signs and treatment resources, as well as accurate information about all vaccines for multiple health issues. Lastly, I feel that we must increase the mental health services for everyone.

EMPLOYMENT: We should do a full evaluation of the existing incentive programs and the effectiveness of these programs. We should be asking if the programs are bringing in businesses that contribute to our tax base with jobs that are not only at minimum wage. We need to evaluate the license review process to assure objectivity. Our programs must avoid influences that do not add value for our residents.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I would examine the existing policy for comprehensiveness and honesty of implementation. We want people not just to work in QAC, but we need people to be able to afford to live here as well. This is a critical point, particularly for those who provide services such as teaching, medical, and protection (fire and police). When people live where they work, they care more.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I believe that the county commissioners should make decisions

based on good information- data and facts, truthfulness, and integrity. I am committed to implementing regular communication that is transparent and responsive to our residents. I would make sure that our communication plan is comprehensive and designed to reach our citizens in a wide variety of formats.

Queen Anne's County Commissioner District 1

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans May Vote for 1

Howard A. Dean

Campaign Website: howarddean.org

QUALIFICATIONS: As a lifelong resident and active farmer of Queen Anne's County, I am uniquely qualified. I have served on the Queen Anne's County Board of Appeals for the past 18 years and currently serve as the Board's chairman. Additionally, my experience as the Chairman of the Farm Service Agency for 13 years has provided me with extensive knowledge of our county. I am committed to serve ALL citizens of QAC.

STIMULUS MONEY: As County Commissioner, my fiduciary responsibilities for using stimulus money would be allocating funds to where citizens can receive the most utility for every dollar. Using stimulus funds for infrastructure including broadband is something I'm committed to achieving. Many students in our county would greatly appreciate funding towards high-speed broadband to complete coursework that is online.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Protecting and preserving farmland should be the

county's highest priority. Because agriculture is the largest economic engine in our county, we need to protect as much productive land as much as possible. Since 1973, Queen Anne's County lost 21,000 acres of productive agricultural lands. I'm committed to doing everything I can to preserve the rural qualities and heritage that makes QAC so unique.

EDUCATION: I place youth education as a very high priority and will commit to supporting our school system so that our students are receiving the very best education. To improve community support for public schools, partnerships between the local workforce and students needs to be established. The promotion of conventional AND unconventional learning and student emotional/mental well-being must be ensured.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Queen Anne's County did an outstanding job keeping our community safe during the past pandemic. I commit to working with the county's health and public safety network in providing top quality care that can keep Queen Anne's County citizens safe.

EMPLOYMENT: Because of Queen Anne's County's proximity to major markets, the county is uniquely positioned to take advantage of providing goods and services to an ever-expanding job market. To encourage economic development and job growth, we must support businesses that support the county. I'll work with our Economic Development department in trying to find businesses that compliment Queen Anne's County.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Affordable housing for seniors, first responders, teachers, veterans, and working-class citizens is a high priority of mine. At present, there are only 3 affordable housing developments for seniors. This includes Terrapin Grove in Kent Island,

Tilghman Terrace in Centreville, and Foxxtown Manor in Sudlersville. I am committed to finding solutions to these very real challenges.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Other issues that are priorities for me include issues of growth, taxes, traffic, agriculture, and water. Unfortunately, the growth in this county is contributing to more traffic. Therefore, decreasing unnecessary growth will, in turn, decrease traffic. Furthermore, agriculture needs to be prioritized because without our land, farmers, and waterman, the roots of QAC will disappear.

Jack Wilson

QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Serving as Commissioner for 6 years has allowed me too have extensive knowledge of what it takes to govern the County 2. 20+ Years In Business allows me to have a more realistic approach to manage Fiscal issues 3. Serving on Maryland Association Of Counties has given me the ability to affect change on State Legislation 4. Listening, Learning and using facts to make decisions

STIMULUS MONEY: 1. Use money to keep the County prepared for future Catastrophic incidents 2. Spend the money only on Capital projects so as to not create more long term operational costs, this is critical as we will not have this money to use in the future 3. Capital projects related to Broadband expansion, Park, Pier and landing upgrades, infrastructure related to helping redevelop empty Commercial space

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: 1. Large development will be stagnant due to Sewer and Water limitations as well as Septic restrictions by the State 2. Redevelopment of existing Commercial spaces remains a priority 3. Help facilitate growth in incorporated towns where infrastructure is available 4. Support our farmers in there efforts to diversify there

revenue potentials for future sustainability 5. Continue responsible growth

EDUCATION: 1. Continue to educate the Community on the Kirwan Bill and be sure that everyone understands the short and long term effects on our local Education 2.

Continue efforts to grow our Career Education programs for our High Schools and College and create dual enrollment pathways 3. Stay fiscally responsible on our Education spending so we can have quality teachers, and modern schools for our students

PUBLIC HEALTH: 1. Spend wisely to prepare for future events 2. Continue to develop emergency response plans within the County agencies for a wide variety of situations including Pandemics, Storms, Active Shooter, Traffic etc.

EMPLOYMENT: 1. Continue to support our excellent Economic Dev Department and their partners to bring Business to QAC 2. Support our Farmers in their efforts to expand revenue sources and create farming Apprenticeships that can help our Farmers with Labor 3. Support Waterman in there efforts to continue to operate without undue regulations 4. Continue to Explore other innovative ways to attract new Business

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: 1. Revamp the Counties MPDU program 2. Explore the use of Public, Private Partnerships which have been used elsewhere to create affordable housing Communities with an emphasis on creating Pride in ownership and family growth potential

OTHER PRIORITIES: 1. My 2 main priorities remain the same since 2014. Get Fiber Broadband to every Home and Business and create the strongest Career training program in the State. 2. Create jobs to be able to work Local and keep our kids here 3. Continue to make Queen Annes County's way of life the reason we all Love to Live here

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Marion Grier

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been a copy editor/production manager for 30+ years. Locally, I've volunteered with Hospice and the League of Women Voters, and served on the QAC Democratic Central Committee. Commissioners need to represent all facets of our community: rural & urban, farmers & commuters, wealthy & working class. The board has been pretty homogeneous since 2010. It's time for some new voices to be heard.

STIMULUS MONEY: The first priority is to find and use all the money on the table! Yes for infrastructure. Yes for expanded broadband access. I want careful oversight and efficient use of monies spent, and the federal benefits need to be dispersed to all corners of QAC.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE:

Comprehensive Plan is up for approval. I favor smart growth in and around towns—enhancing communities and preserving agricultural areas. Smart growth areas should include affordable housing units for local workforce as well as more up-scale development.

EDUCATION: This is big. Teachers, students, and families have borne 2 yrs disruption by the pandemic. Teachers should be celebrated, not harassed, for keeping students engaged and learning under difficult circumstances. Instead, wages are stagnate and benefits are being cut. Education is our most important investment—to gain a future tax base, future business, future wealth. It's the path to success!

PUBLIC HEALTH: Vaccinate kids for school. Believe in the science. It worked for polio,

small pox, measles. We cannot control pandemics or other natural catastrophes, we can only control how we deal with it. Our other epidemic—opiods & substance abuse—requires increased mental health expenditures and availability.

EMPLOYMENT: See above under "EDUCATION." Businesses want to be where good education is—they want a trained workforce, whether it's college prep or technical training. And they want workers who can afford to live in the area.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Require a specific percentage of affordable units (rent & own, build affordable condos & apts) in towns/areas with schools & public works. When employees cannot afford to live here, they soon enough won't work here. Working people are scrambling to stay ahead of their bills, and the county needs to pay attention.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Affordable and easily accessible healthcare, including mental healthcare, for men, women, and children.

Queen Anne's County Commissioner District 2

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Patrick McLaughlin

Campaign Website: patrick4qac.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Stepping out in faith to fight for all families & children. My business ownerships in Medical & Insurance fields over the yrs, 20 yrs volunteering w/ conservative values, Together let's leave this county better with an improved quality of life for future generations and taxpayers. As the only true

conservative for D2, we need Tax Cuts - property & city income; Zipper Machine for CBB, Education, etc

STIMULUS MONEY: My platform is on my website patrick4QAC.com. Quality of Life, education, and traffic solution issues: We need County Tax reductions, without cutting services, Road "Zipper Machine" movable cement barrier system for improved traffic flow, Education, Public Safety: Back the Blue! Support Sheriff Hofmann's dept, Upgrade Parks & Rec, Term limits 8 years total for D2 (12 years is too long)

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: No more large developments on Kent Island; sewer, water and infrastructure are maxed out. Preserve open spaces. Upgrade parks, recreation and add animal park. Support well planned, sustainable, up county residences and businesses. Expand commercial in existing vacant offices to keep property taxes down. On some properties, support ability to add a cottage for Mom & Dad, keeping families together.

EDUCATION: Support teachers, push dollars down into the classrooms, Expand Trade/Vocational (CTE) Career & Technical Ed (Farming, auto, firefighting, nursing, STEM, ROTC, cosmetology, etc.) these are good alternatives to college as a choice for skills to step into high paying jobs. Remove politics from schools; allow homeschooled and private school students participation in school extra-curricular activities

PUBLIC HEALTH: While I am not a clinician we have all seen that pandemics have no borders. Encourage DOH to expand prevention and nutrition for our families which will benefit and possibly curb long term effects. Team with medical community & EMS will allow for implementing procedures quickly if there is an epidemic; well stocked PPE, access to treatment therapeutics & medication directly from manufacture & govt

EMPLOYMENT: Tax Relief for Businesses and Residence: work with Economic Development and Chamber of Commerce to fill vacant office spaces and empty store fronts. Cut red tape for new businesses. Reduce time for startups. As businesses increase tax revenue that can reduce residential property taxes. Cut taxes to offset inflation, without losing services. Democrat Inflation is highest in our children's lives

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I will work with the County Health Department and Housing Board to determine more affordable housing, including for veterans who have selflessly and Patriotically served our Great country. I am the only candidate running on tax cuts for income and property tax, which is resonating throughout the county.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I will not sell you empty promises. I will work for your family and the next generation to serve YOU, not myself. No deals or bending the rules to benefit a few with special property tax relief, City will Not mow my whole lawn. No power plays here to personally benefit me. I will bring a common-sense perspective. patrick4QAC.com "Zipper machine" I humbly please ask for your vote on July 19th.

Steve Wilson

QUALIFICATIONS: Trained Wall Street flow-of-funds/finance analyst. President Airport Board, Chair Animal Control, Park Department; Finance Commission, Citizen Member EMS Current Liaison Emergency Services Sheriff Airport Detention Finance. Ex Lz Park and Rec Animal Shelter/Control. Chair QAC Affordability Commission. Author QAC communication & policy

STIMULUS MONEY: Wrote successful stimulus grants raising approximately \$500,000 creating backup EMS from CARES

funding. Participated Aid to Businesses allotment, worked with County Administrator stimulus allocation.. Absolutely positive on application of American Rescue funding usage for infrastructure. Facilitating rollout broadband by phone companies precursor to public funding.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I support the County's Comp Plan roadmap, created by public direction and respectful of legal realities and necessities.. Continued land preservation through leveraged State Funding.

EDUCATION: I do not believe County Commissioners should be involved in setting Public School policy, the proper domain of the Board of Education, School Administration, and parents. I believe the greatest "community support" Commissioners can achieve is through commonsense, adequate funding to accomplish the mission determined by oversight of proper authority

PUBLIC HEALTH: As EMS Liaison, I have fully supported the creation of what is now accepted as best Emergency Department in the State of Maryland. Full cooperation with Health Department and Dr.Ciotola.. This committed effort handled the past pandemic professionally and, and local healthcare well provided with supplies and protocols for future outbreak. Maintain communication with Hospital Administrations.

EMPLOYMENT: At the moment there is effectively no unemployment in QAC; actually a current lack of workers adequate to meet present employer needs. Limit utilization of public funding for unemployment until conditions indicate. Keep vigilant to land business or entity that would benefit QAC economically, culturally, or meaningful long-range benefit.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: At the moment there is effectively no unemployment in QAC; actually a current lack of workers adequate to meet present employer needs. Limit utilization

of public funding for unemployment until conditions indicate. Keep vigilant to land business or entity that would benefit QAC economically, culturally, or meaningful long-range benefit.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Continuance of Emergency and Health funding.... this is the fastest growing significant issue. Reduction of traffic and subsidiary congestion. Parks and Rec support, including land preservation. Continuing best economic practices Queen Anne's County Finance Department

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Andrea Alduino

QUALIFICATIONS: As a resident of Queen Anne's County for over thirty-two years, I have been active in a number of community organizations. I am a home care physical therapist. In this role, I interact with various private, federal, and state agencies to provide quality care for my patients. As a home care provider, I have a unique opportunity to see firsthand, the challenges residents face in their daily lives.

STIMULUS MONEY: I would make sure that the county applies for all available federal funds. It is important that Queen Anne's County use this stimulus money in an equitable and responsible manner. One issue ignored by the current county commission is the lack of affordable and accessible broadband, especially in our more rural areas. It is imperative that all students are connected to the internet.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: I favor a balanced approach to growth. We must be mindful that any additional development does not over burden the county's current

infrastructure. When approving zoning permits it is essential that our roads and public schools be considered in any future development. I am also a big proponent of increasing the number of walking and bike trails, especially in north county.

EDUCATION: Being a public school advocate is the most important job as a county commissioner. I am an enthusiastic supporter of the Queen Anne County's public schools and our teachers and staff. In order to enhance the quality of education in the county, the county commission needs to provide additional funding to recruit and retain talented educators.

PUBLIC HEALTH: I have firsthand knowledge of how COVID-19 has affected our community. I believe that we follow the science. It is important to heed recommendations of federal, state, and county health agencies. I will also work with health experts to decrease the devastating impact of opioid addiction and abuse in our community.

EMPLOYMENT: All too often, the best and brightest young people leave the county to find employment opportunities. As commissioner, I would expand the collaboration between Chesapeake College and our public schools, especially in the IT field. I would also support incentives to attract employers to the county.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: One of the reasons why young families find it difficult to live in Queen Anne's County is due to the lack of affordable housing—both rentals and private homes. I would encourage and incentivize developers to build budget-friendly homes.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As a commissioner, I will fight to maintain the unique rural characteristics of the county. More attention must be paid to the fragile environment as we prepare for climate change in our communities.

Queen Anne's County Commissioner District 3

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Phil Dumenil

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a sitting commissioner for 8 years now and bring experience in balancing the county budget, supporting local business, and the education system in our county. I have always been an advocate for the voice of our citizens, and will continue to be.

STIMULUS MONEY: Our county received CARES money which was and will continued to be used for relief funding programs such as rental assistance, transportation issues and other various programs that suffered because of the pandemic. Federal and state grant monies available for infrastructure improvements and broadband connectivity, will be used for these projects.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: The updating of our Comp Plan will establish, and address our priorities, and the direction that will best serve our counties future land use patterns. I have a tremendous amount of faith in our planning director and her staff to map out a plan that will best serve our citizens regarding population, transportation, sewer capacity, and proper available affordable housing.

EDUCATION: I have had two children graduate from QAC schools and one who will in two years. I have and will always be supportive of our teachers, administrators, and of course our students. I have always been in favor and voted to support proper

funding levels in every budget process I have been involved in going clear back to my first administration.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Our county has an amazing medical director and his team at our county health department are the best. I believe what we all learned and will take away from our experience's with COVID and what will be the new habits that we have adapted to in our day to day lives will help keep us safer against future spreads.

EMPLOYMENT: A good balance of residential and commercial growth can and will always stimulate our economy. I will work with our Economic and development staff to look into the agricultural technologies and Web support business for our strong agricultural heritage.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I feel that one way to address the affordable housing crisis that exist in our county is to take a close look at our MPDU program and see if it isn't antiquated, and in need of an update in how moderately priced housing is available.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Some other priorities I feel are important to address in our community is more public access to parks, beaches and landings. More available multi-purpose fields to address the growing need to accommodate all our youth sports programs, as well as our adult outdoor activities.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Lynn Mason

QUALIFICATIONS: The most important qualification for this office is listening to the residents you serve. I have a long and accomplished career as a commercial lender and bank manager and am a licensed MD CPA so understand financials, taxes & budgets. I

am Board Chair for the American Red Cross and in that role I lead the Board, fundraise, liaison with armed forces & blood services staff and educate the public.

STIMULUS MONEY: Invest in local businesses, local schools and local infrastructure. Help working families get affordable child care. Get competitive bids for broadband. Invest in mental health services particularly for our youth. Work with developers on affordable housing for our emergency personnel, seniors and teachers. Stock food pantries. Continue to support the homeless and disadvantaged

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: Plan for managed growth while working to protect critical areas and wildlife. Educate farmers, businesses and homeowners on conservation measures. In the 16 years I have lived in QAC, there has been so much development, primarily on KI. What we leave behind our children and grandchildren will inherit.

EDUCATION: Our educators and students have really struggled due to the pandemic. Pay educators a competitive wage to stay in QAC to teach and don't underfund QAC schools as an educated work force is essential. For those who are not college bound, promote technical schools as we all know there is a shortage of boat mechanics, etc. Educate students on financial acuity so they understand budgeting and credit.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Listen to the experts regarding vaccination necessity so we can protect the elderly and medically vulnerable. Continue to use and update social media to communicate with and educate the public. Utilize public health experts to speak to schools, businesses and seniors to answer vaccine questions. Find out the reasons for vaccine reticence and address them.

EMPLOYMENT: Work to come up with strategies to incent businesses to offer a living wage and worker benefits in QAC. Match

what is taught in QAC high schools to what skills are needed in the CURRENT job market. Use stimulus funds to drive SMART, long lasting economic development

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Invest in more housing density east of KI such as apartments and townhouses which are more affordable for young families, teachers and emergency personnel, and seniors. Use stimulus funds to work with developers to provide a portion of what they build as affordable housing.

OTHER PRIORITIES: No response

Queen Anne's County Commissioner District 4

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Chris Corchiarino

QUALIFICATIONS: I have served as County Commissioner for the last three and half years, two of those years as President of the Board of Commissioners. I serve as Chairman of the Upper Shore Regional Council, I am a fellow in the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. I am on the Board of Trustees for the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

STIMULUS MONEY: County received many grants: ARPA; CARES; CMC2; Community Development Block Grant; COVID DES Grant; ESG-CV-1; FEMA Public Assistance; HDC2; HSP, used for a variety of initiatives--rental assistance, transportation, economic development, home meals, small business stimulus, restaurant stimulus, emergency

services, infrastructure. Commissioners are committed to connect all citizens to internet.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: During my tenure as County Commissioner we oversaw the Comprehensive Plan update. The initiatives in that plan are too voluminous for this post. I encourage everyone to read the comp plan.

EDUCATION: As a graduate of Queen Anne's County Public Schools I have long been a supporter of our school system. I currently serve as the Commissioner liaison to the Board of Education and meet regularly with Dr. Saelens. Through these meetings we work to strategically discuss the school system current needs and project future needs and improvements.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Prior to covid the County built the best, award winning emergency services department in Maryland. During covid we quickly scaled a robust Emergency Operations Command capable of effectively responding to health concerns. Continuing to support emergency services is a top priority for the Commissioners.

EMPLOYMENT: The County built a strong Economic Development department. This team was stress-tested during covid and performed exceptionally well. Partnering with the Chamber of Commerce, this team was able to roll out grants and other resources to retain viable businesses. Additionally, the team effectively reached out to new businesses that opened their doors in Queen Anne's County over the last 3 years.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Housing cost is market driven. QA has a low housing inventory. As the price of market-rate units increase, so does surrounding housing. To increase affordable housing, there needs to be a mechanism to allow it. Other jurisdictions have found that high density multifamily housing can more easily distribute the cost

burden and create substantially more affordable units.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I believe local government operates best when it operates quietly in the background. Citizens should be able to realize the benefit of effective services, without the distraction of a dysfunctional government. I believe this current Board of Commissioners has worked hard to achieve this goal. If re-elected, I will continue to serve as I have over the duration of my current term.

Richard C. Nuzback

QUALIFICATIONS: I've lived on Kent Island for 20 years. I rented an apt. For the first 5 years and in 2007 My wife and I bought a house in Kent Island estates. I managed my family's restaurant business for a little under a decade and now I run my own business. This experience taught me to deal with people, make decisions and above all do the right thing!

STIMULUS MONEY: I believe federal money should be use for whatever it was given to the county or state for and nothing else. If not used, then given back to the federal government and to people it came from. I think the county should be responsible for itself and the state responsible for itself. We need to keep our policies local. As far as broadband goes, that's a private enterprise endeavor.

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: When I moved to Kent Island estates 15 years ago my block was a little isolated. I knew sooner or later that houses would be built on the lots around me. I didn't mind that. It was when the developers were given permission to split the lots in half that caught my attention. This is a complete disregard for the beauty of this and other spacious communities for pure profit.

EDUCATION: My daughter attended Matapeake Middle School and Kent Island high school which I thought were very good educational facilities. As of late, we have had the indoctrination of critical race theory or marxism pushed upon our children. Our educational system needs to continue with a curriculum of teaching our children how to think not what to think!

PUBLIC HEALTH: Easy, follow the science not the politics!

EMPLOYMENT: First and foremost, we need to support the local businesses we have. This will help them grow and employ more people.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: I will do anything I can to help any registered county resident find affordable housing.

OTHER PRIORITIES: Voter integrity! Keeping our communities on Kent Island spacious and beautiful. I think the developers are building too high and too close!

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for 1

Deborah Krueger

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been actively involved in my community since moving to Queen Anne's County 25 year ago. I volunteered in my children's schools during both elementary & middle school, served as PTA President and Vice-President at the elementary, middle & high school level. I currently hold a seat on the QAC DCC. I owned and ran my own business before selling it and hold both a B.A. & M.S. in education.

STIMULUS MONEY: There must be careful oversight on efficient use of monies spent. We must disperse the benefits of that money to all corners of QAC. My priorities would

include: Infrastructure Broadband access and affordability Education

DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE: The Comprehensive Plan was just approved. I favor smart growth in and around towns—enhancing communities and preserving agricultural areas. We must keep the rural nature and traditions of our county but we must also support the continued development of municipalities so that income there can help fund those rural areas.

EDUCATION: Teachers, students & families have borne the brunt of the pandemic and it's effect on education. Teachers should be applauded for the efforts they made to keep students engaged and leaning under very difficult circumstances. Instead teachers pay is stagnate, benefits are being cut & planning time is being reduced. Education is the most important investment a county can make!

PUBLIC HEALTH: We can follow the science! The Dept. of Health & the county as a whole can stay ahead of developing issues by using data & having frequent clear communication to citizens. I would encourage Covid vaccinations for all eligible students just as other vaccines are required. We need to expand mental health services & continue to educate the population about opioid addiction & the supports available.

EMPLOYMENT: Begin by having a strong vocational education program in our own schools. Those who are trained here may stay here and start business' here! I would evaluate existing incentive programs & make they have strong application reviewers that are objective and who can make wise decisions

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Every newly built community should be required to have some amount of affordable housing included in their plan. If people cannot afford to live here they will not work here! Affordable housing attracts jobs!

OTHER PRIORITIES: The County Commissioners should make decisions based on factual information, truthfulness and integrity. They should be committed to regular communication that is transparent and responsive.

Queen Anne's County State's Attorney

ABOUT THE OFFICE: He or she is the chief law enforcement officer for the county and prosecutes all jailable motor vehicle cases, in addition to criminal, juvenile and certain civil zoning and animal control violations that occur with Queen Anne's County. The State's Attorney must be a member of the Maryland Bar.

TERM: Four years with no term limits

SALARY: \$161,333.

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies will you implement to prevent discrimination in law enforcement?

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: In what situations would you recommend alternatives to prison in sentencing persons convicted of crimes?

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: How will you address the growing problem of substance abuse?

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: How will you address the problems of domestic violence?

JUVENILE JUSTICE: What are the greatest needs of our juvenile justice system?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Lance G. Richardson

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a prosecutor for the last twenty years in Queen Anne's County. I have been the State's Attorney for Queen Anne's County for the last fourteen years. I have the trial experience and knowledge of the position to act in the interest of justice in the disposition of all matters that are subject to the purview of the Office of the State's Attorney for Queen Anne's County.

DISCRIMINATION: My office thoroughly reviews all evidence related to each and every case that we adjudicate. We review body camera footage, witness interviews and reports to ensure every citizen's civil rights are protected and that justice is equal for all citizens. My office does not condone or tolerate any forms of discrimination or prejudice. We hold police officers accountable for integrity.

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON: In every appropriate scenario we utilize treatment as an aspect of sentencing or adjudication. We seek to rehabilitate offenders by utilizing drug treatment, abuser intervention programs for domestic violence matters, mental health treatment and all available resources at our disposal to incorporate rehabilitation to prevent recidivism.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: The emphasis has to be rehabilitation for offenders to address the disease of addiction. When appropriate we need to send offenders to inpatient drug rehabilitation and we are about to initiate a drug court program in this County to constantly monitor those with substance abuse problems to hold them accountable for recovery. Otherwise the system becomes a revolving door of incarceration.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: My prosecutors and I incorporate incarceration and punishment when appropriate as a deterrent to violent, abusive offenders. We also use several programs locally provided by domestic violence prevention organizations to reform offenders and change their conduct and mindset. An emphasis is placed on keeping victims informed and safe from further abuse.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: There is a need for more accountability for juvenile offenders. There is a serious lack of programs to reform and rehabilitate youthful offenders which results in an ultimate transition of these same offenders entering the adult criminal justice system because of the lack of court sanctions and accountability. Juveniles, when appropriate, should be committed and to effective programs.

OTHER PRIORITIES: I want to continue to keep Queen Anne's County as the safest jurisdiction in Maryland by holding violent offenders accountable with prison sentences. My office will continue to provide exceptional victims' services and communication and hold all offenders accountable so that this County doesn't become a catch and release jurisdiction like so many other jurisdictions in Maryland.

Queen Anne's County Clerk of the Circuit Court

ABOUT THE OFFICE: The Clerk of the Circuit Court is a state official who is locally elected. The responsibility of the Clerk is to manage the many different administrative duties for the Circuit Court which includes recording land transactions and the processing of court records in the electronic case management system. The Clerk's office processes all civil, family, criminal, and juvenile actions and collects all court fees. The office records land deeds, mortgages, plats, conveyances, and other land record documents and liens. Recording includes reviewing and processing land documents electronically and collecting recordation and transfer taxes. A percentage of all the financial collections are disbursed to the county, incorporated towns, and other state agencies pursuant to law. The Clerk administers oaths to Judges, elected officials and Governor appointees and issues marriage and business licenses and performs civil wedding ceremonies. The office issues notary public commissions, and processes passport applications. Other responsibilities include managing the Clerk's office budget as set by the State Administrative Office of the Court and all financial transactions are subject to audit by the State Legislative Audit division.

TERM: Four years with no term limits

SALARY: \$118,600

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

CUSTOMER SERVICE: How will you maintain and improve service for the public?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Katherine Beane Hager

QUALIFICATIONS: I have 30 years of experience working in all areas of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. Through years of courses in court management, I received a Judicial Administration degree and am a Certified Court Executive and Manager through the National Center for State Courts. Most recently I was chairperson of the Maryland Circuit Court Clerks and in other leadership positions of the Judiciary.

PRIORITIES: To provide access to justice for all and promote public trust and confidence in all services provided. The courts continue to offer more remote access for litigants and my involvement in many Judiciary committees provides the insight that is needed for the citizens. To bring more online services to the public in land records/licensing. Continue to produce perfect legislative audits.

CUSTOMER SERVICE: Through my educational background and expertise in leading court operations, I will continue to provide the high level of service that is expected. This will be maintained by leading/supporting employees with training

and staying current with policies and procedures. I will continue to be innovative in providing online access to licensing and other services.

Queen Anne's County Register of Wills

ABOUT THE OFFICE: The Register of Wills keeps records of wills and estates, collects inheritance taxes, and acts as clerk to the Orphans' Court. The Register of Wills is authorized to oversee the administration of decedents' estates and to provide assistance to people administering estates. The State of Maryland pays the operating costs of this office.

TERM: Four years with no term limits

SALARY: \$114,641

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

CUSTOMER SERVICE: How will you maintain and improve service for the public?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Laura Nan Cook

QUALIFICATIONS: With 23 years of experience, I have extensive knowledge in

Maryland probate policies and procedures. My staff and I frequently answer procedural questions from individuals and attorneys administering estates not only in Queen Anne's County but in neighboring counties as well. We are service-oriented and take pride in the skills that allow us to quickly identify the needs of the public we serve.

PRIORITIES: Educate the public on the services we offer and guide them to outside resources when their needs fall outside of our jurisdiction. Determine how to streamline public access to those resources and provide them with informational literature to assist them. Continue to work closely with Maryland State Archives to ensure preservation of and access to our historically valuable records.

CUSTOMER SERVICE: I am committed to remaining accessible to the public despite this pandemic. We continue to accept wills for safekeeping and when folks call with questions after the death of a loved, they will speak to me or a member of my staff. I have a responsibility to serve the public and whether it be in person, over the phone or through electronic means, I will not abandon them in their time of need.

Queen Anne's County Judge of the Orphans' Court

DUTIES: Judges of the Orphans' Court supervise the administration of estates. The Orphan's Court shares jurisdiction with the Circuit Court over guardianships of minors. Orphan's Court Judges conduct hearings that involve probate and guardianship disputes, review and act upon administration accounts, and request payments from estates or guardianships.

TERM: Four years with no term limits.
HOW ELECTED: Elected countywide.
SALARY: \$10,000

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this judgeship?

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

COURT SYSTEM: What are the greatest challenges facing Maryland's court system and how should these be addressed?

MOTIVATION: What inspires you to serve in this judgeship?

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: What is your judicial philosophy?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for up to 3

Kimberly Jean Cascia

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been privileged to serve the citizens of QAC as Judge since 2010, after 20+ yrs. experience in estate, trust & retirement service; my goal has been for equal, fair & proper administration of the law. I'll continue to draw on my experience as a small business owner, farmer, mother of two; one with special needs, to apply common sense & compassion to the cases that come before me. I thank you.

PRIORITIES: Caring, practical and respectful of the law: That's the commitment I make to the citizens of QAC. I promise, if re-elected to continue to be a good listener, carefully examine all the evidence & review the facts before making my final decisions based on the

law. I will remain fair & impartial, uphold the integrity & independence of the judiciary & refrain from political activity.

COURT SYSTEM: In QAC we are able to schedule probate hearings as soon as needed. Often the testimony heard in our court is heart wrenching from families dealing with grief. I feel I am uniquely qualified to continue serving as your Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court because of my 12 years' experience & the expertise that is required and necessary to best serve the citizens of Queen Anne's County.

MOTIVATION: In 2010, I was flattered and humbled by my friend and mentor, Chief Judge Joe DiPietro urging me to run for Orphans' Court to fill the vacancy created by Judge Morris retiring. My previous experience with estate & trusts coupled with my desire to continue to serve my community has been most rewarding. I humbly ask for your consideration and vote for re-election to the Orphans' Court.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: My job as judge is to see that the decedent's wishes are met, to administer the law, and not legislate from the bench. I am and will remain fair & impartial, compassionate and respectful of the law.

John T. McQueeney

QUALIFICATIONS: I have been County Commissioner, Chairman of the Board of License Commissioner's, Vice-Chairman of Animal Control, and Planning Commission for Queen Anne's County. In all these capacities I have made decisions that effect our County, businesses, and citizens given information and the good of all involved.

PRIORITIES: Very Simple: To listen to the cases presented to the Board, and judge fairly to resolve cases honestly and without prejudice to either party.

COURT SYSTEM: Keeping the politics out of any decision. As a Judge of the Orphan's Court this should never be an issue.

MOTIVATION: I have served the County in elected and appointed positions. I have always been interested in law serving as a bailiff in circuit court for 15 years, and both of my sons are lawyers. I believe I can listen to all sides and deliver a fair and legal decision to the cases presented to me.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: For Judge of the Orphan's Court it is to be fair and follow all legal terms in deciding cases. It is also very important to be available to hear the cases.

Roger Twigg

QUALIFICATIONS: My degrees in Government & Public Policy and Law/Legal & Ethical Studies, and my Certification in Litigation, Mediation & Conflict Management, provide me with the educational foundation for this judgeship. My 25+ years in business management, including leading arbitrations, mediations, and negotiations, and my time as a Maryland District Court Commissioner, provide me with real world experience.

PRIORITIES: Family Matters & Probate Matters! My priorities would be to interpret and apply the law with compassion and integrity, while keeping in mind that all decisions rendered affect grieving family members who are looking to pull their affairs together and to move forward with their lives. I also see public education about wills and codicils as an important part of this office.

COURT SYSTEM: The main challenges are attracting experienced people who are passionate about public service to work in the court system and educating the public about how the system works – especially with the Orphans Court. Both can be addressed through awareness campaigns that provide education on court system structure, roles,

and processes. This can be accomplished in school curriculum and in the media.

MOTIVATION: Courts can be impersonal and intimidating. I want to bring compassion to the Bench, treating people with respect, empathy, and sensitivity; always remembering that my decisions affect lives. I believe that public service is an important pillar of the community and I want to use my legal knowledge and experience to provide the highest quality of service to the citizens of QAC.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: As a conservative Republican, I believe that a judge of the Orphans Court should practice judicial restraint and should leave policy and activism to others. Interpreting the law and applying rulings should be based upon the original intent of the law and the doctrine of stare decisis, which requires courts to follow precedents established by past decisions.

Thomas M. Walsh

QUALIFICATIONS: The responsibilities of an Orphans Court Judge require knowledge and experience. Having been a sitting judge for several years now I have had the opportunity to gain experience in many facets of probate law. I have also had the opportunity to receive education at the Judicial College of Maryland. Citizens deserve to have their Orphans Court issues heard by well trained and experienced judges.

PRIORITIES: My highest priorities are fairness and impartiality. It is imperative that a judge be an excellent listener. It is also important as a judge that I create a situation that allows all sides of a story to be told and understood by all parties. I also want to create an efficient system so issues are resolved quickly and fairly and do not add further legal financial costs to the parties involved.

COURT SYSTEM: As an Orphans Court judge we have many challenges but I feel that the biggest is helping people understand the probate process and how to help families navigate that system with the least cost and inconvenience. Minimizing legal expenses and potential taxes is also challenging when parties are not aware of probate laws. Listening & clear explanation goes a long way to help meet this challenge.

MOTIVATION: As a physician I have had a career of helping families in difficult times. As an Orphans Court judge I can continue that mission of listening, and helping. Having a family member pass away is bad enough but to have to resolve their estate issues without help of a fair and impartial judge is unthinkable. The chance to help families during this very rough time has been my main inspiration.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: My judicial philosophy centers around following the law, fairness, and impartiality. I also strongly believe that to the extent that the law allows we should help families minimize the costs involved when settling a loved ones estate. Creating efficiencies that keep legal costs down is essential. Understanding tax implications of decisions related to the estate is an important part of this.

Eric Wargotz

Campaign Website: www.wargotz.com

QUALIFICATIONS: I am in my 2nd term of service to you as Judge. Caring for individuals & families in times of need requires patience, understanding, compassion, and knowledge of the law. I have exercised these in my deliberations and care for over 25 years as a physician, 4 years as your elected Commission President (2006-10) and now as your Judge. I am honored by your continued support and ask you for your vote.

PRIORITIES: As with all judges, an Orphans' Court judge must examine all the facts and render a decision based on being fair and impartial. I will continue to serve in this manner. We must always remain aware of the decedents wishes and carry them out in accordance with the law. This must be the top priority as this is our stated role. In addition, I will continue to be vigilant in working to keep costs low.

COURT SYSTEM: We must continue to work efficiently and keep costs low. Services must remain readily accessible and affordable. I have worked hard to see that cases do not get bogged down and drawn out and I will continue to do so. We must be fair and impartial in our decisions and ensure as best we can, that all parties feel they have been treated fairly. The Orphans' Court in QAC functions very well at present.

MOTIVATION: As a physician who has also dealt with end of life issues, I feel that combination has been helpful to the Orphans' Court while serving as a judge. Patience, compassion, and understanding are essential traits and ones I am proud to possess. As a fiscal conservative, I work very hard to keep costs down. This is essential, particularly as laws become more complex and nuanced.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: Orphans' Courts of MD exercise limited jurisdiction. As a Court and as a judge of this court, I am responsible for conducting judicial probate, directing the conduct of personal representatives (executor), & passing orders necessary for the administration of a decedents estate whether a will exists or not (intestate.) No specific judicial philosophy applies in such a court. Be fair, apply the law.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for up to 3

John W. Crook

QUALIFICATIONS: I possess skills that are not only desirable, but necessary to be an effective judge. I approach problems by listening to different points of view and making an informed decision. I also don't believe in inserting my own bias into otherwise unbiased proceedings.

PRIORITIES: My priority is getting to work and being an effective and responsive judge. I understand there is some expectation that political candidates be political in nature, but I don't believe in doing that. As a judge on the Orphans' Court, it would be job to be apolitical, rather than partisan.

COURT SYSTEM: Maryland's courts are being politicized. We need to fix this by electing judges who won't be political. As your judge, I would work tirelessly to remove politics from the Orphans' Court in Queen Anne's County.

MOTIVATION: Running for office was not something I'd ever imagine myself doing, especially at 18. However, I felt compelled to run after seeing how partisan and divisive local politics has become in Queen Anne's County. I believe we need to return to normalcy in Queen Anne's County and start electing candidates who will actually serve our community.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: My judicial philosophy is one of equity, understanding, and compassion. As a judge, I would make decisions based on the law, rather than some kind of partisan playbook.

Ryan E. Holdgreve

No response received by print deadline;
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Crystal Woodward

QUALIFICATIONS: As an advocacy director for the American Diabetes Association for the past 23 years, I have led ADA's national efforts to prevent discrimination against people with diabetes. Prior to ADA, I was a paralegal practicing probate, litigation, and real estate law. Fairness, integrity, compassion, and thoughtful analysis of law to the facts of each matter before the Court will be my approach.

PRIORITIES: My priorities for this office are to utilize a fair and thorough application of the law to each case and to keep the docket moving forward. In addition, I will apply a problem-solving approach by gaining a clear understanding of positions of the parties in disputed claims and by maintaining accessibility to laws, policies, and resources that might be helpful in achieving resolution.

COURT SYSTEM: The greatest challenge facing Maryland's court system is the docket backlog in most jurisdictions and venues. Backlog might be addressed, in part, by utilizing web-based technology and adopting many of the practices and protocols for remote hearings and conferences put in place during the pandemic. Easily accessible educational resources for the public may help to streamline and expedite cases.

MOTIVATION: This judgeship will enable me to use my paralegal background, analytical and communication skills to guide parties through the probate process in a manner that is thoughtful, fair, and expeditious. This is an opportunity to give back to our community through collaboration with community partners to raise awareness about the importance of having a will and making probate resources accessible to all.

JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY: I will approach each matter from a neutral perspective and apply relevant laws and court rules, with

consideration of current best practices and societal norms. Taking time to listen and understand each party's claims in contested matters as if it was the first time hearing an issue is critical and applying common sense, knowledge, and reasonableness.

Queen Anne's County Sheriff

ABOUT THE OFFICE: The Sheriff's Office is a full-service police agency consisting of deputies who are certified by the Maryland Police Training Commission. The deputies perform various patrol functions, criminal investigations, and community policing assignments. The Sheriff's Office also is responsible for security of the Circuit Court and for serving several thousand court documents annually.

TERM: Four years with no term limits

SALARY: \$161,333

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

PRIORITIES: What are your priorities for this office?

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: How would you involve residents in improving public safety?

DISCRIMINATION: What policies would you pursue to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion for everyone interacting with law enforcement?

TRANSPARENCY: How will your office provide transparency in determining whether to arrest people suspected of criminal activity?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for 1

Gary Hofmann

Campaign Website:

www.yoursheriffonline.com

QUALIFICATIONS: Answer Leadership, Fiscal Responsibility, Accountability, Community Initiatives, Communication with the Community and proactive policing with advanced leadership training, provide a "no tolerance to crime approach" in keeping our community one of the safest counties on the shore. Graduate of the National FBI Academy, Law Enforcement Executive School, and a background in criminal justice & business

PRIORITIES: To maintain an aggressive fight on the opioid epidemic through education, awareness and enforcement. Maintain safe schools, increase trainings to civilians in Critical Incidents. Maintain the high level of deputy involvement with our schools and seniors, maintain crime prevention initiatives. Maintain and enhance homeland security initiatives. Continue to resolve traffic concerns. Promote DARE pgm

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY: Continuing to provide transparency and dialogue through APPS, Social Media and being available 24/7 to our community encouraging conversations while maintaining forums, meetings and promptly addressing compliments, issues and concerns. We openly solicit input from our community to better serve the needs of this diverse county.

DISCRIMINATION: I have maintained (CALEA) Accreditation, which is a high level of standards that we follow and less than 10 % of police agencies in the nation obtain. There is always the need to maintain a diverse and trained work force. We will continue our transparency on complaints; allow the public

to view body worn cameras, to ensure we are accountable. Continue our involvement with all minority communities.

TRANSPARENCY: We hold everyone accountable for criminal activity and treat everyone equally. We have policies and procedures in place to allow our community to view body worn camera devices to maintain transparency. We do not arrest based on whom the person is, everyone is held to the same standards.

Queen Anne's County Party Central Committees

DUTIES: The Republican and Democratic Central Committees are responsible for leading and organizing the day-to-day operations of their local Party. Each Party Central Committee recommends candidates to the Governor to fill vacancies in state and local offices when a member of their party resigns or dies in office. Each County Party Central Committee works with their State Central Committee, which in turn works with their national party.

SALARY: None.

TERM: Four years, no term limit.

HOW ELECTED: Party Central Committee members are elected countywide by registered party members during the Primary Election. The number of seats to be filled is determined by the County Party Central Committee.

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of a Central Committee member?

MOTIVATION: What inspires you to serve on the Central Committee?

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: What criteria will you use when considering candidates to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly or other office?

Republican Central Committee

HOW ELECTED: Elected at large by the members of the party in the primary. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Republicans may vote for up to 7

Mike Arntz

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a Lifelong Republican, Community Activist, and Volunteer. I have served as the Republican Central Committee Chair since I was elected in 2018.

MOTIVATION: I am motivated by my desire to keep Queen Anne's County represented by as many Republican officials as possible. We are proud to say that all QAC elected are currently Republicans.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: In filling office vacancies, I would consider a candidate's ability based on their relevant experience, their history of involvement with the Republican Party, their availability, and

their willingness to devote the necessary time to the position.

Helen Bennett

No response by print deadline; check
Vote411.org

Richard Bewley, Jr.

QUALIFICATIONS: I have administrative experience as an officer in a non-profit where I was responsible for helping to facilitate the operation of the organization. My significant experience in technology would be an asset to evaluating and enabling the technology goals for our party. My administrative experience would be useful in assessing and evaluating matters that come before the committee.

MOTIVATION: I want to see a unified Republican party and do my part to try and come together and restore what has been fractured into factions that share so many common values but can't necessarily get past some minor differences because together we are stronger as a unified party.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I would look forward to appointing people who have good values and pure motivations. It would be important to me to consider people who have strong values that represent Republican ideals.

Rick Bowers

Campaign Website:

www.voterickbowers.com

John N. Costello

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Jennifer Lee Fitzmaurice

QUALIFICATIONS: Having been a community advocate for many years, I will continue to use my skills to serve this county's priorities.

MOTIVATION: Quality of life and access to resources for all residents.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Experience.

Tracey Longo Lawrence

QUALIFICATIONS: I've been a successful journalist for the past 20 yrs, now it's time to provide hands-on, strategic assistance for politicians, candidates and my county. I started my journey as co-president of Chesapeake Rep. Women, growing the club to 100 members, serving as liaison to the RCC and recruiting two Board of Ed candidates in 2022. I was proudly named QA Republican of the Year in 2021 for my work.

MOTIVATION: It's time to energize the Republican party here and plan for strategic, targeted growth, including more women in the political pipeline. That includes recruiting and training qualified candidates like the two Board of Ed candidates I recruited to run this year. I am also inspired to ensure the RCC makes sound nominations to the Board of Elections in 2023 and any other vacancies that occur.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: For all vacancies I have the privilege to fill, I will recruit candidates who exhibit intelligence, a track record of accomplishment, conservative values, motivation, high energy, determination and honesty,

Gene Legg

QUALIFICATIONS: I ran for the Republican Central Committee in 2018, and came in second in votes and became the Queen

Anne's County Central Committee Treasurer ever since.

MOTIVATION: To spread the Republican values, recruit good Republican Candidates for the primary and work hard at seeing the candidates become elected in the General Election.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Most important job of the Republican Central Committee is to vet candidates to make sure they have the conservative Republican values, that Queen Anne's County voters have. Also make sure to take the time and effort to get the right person.

Patrick McLaughlin

No response by print deadline; check Vote411.org

John T. McQueeney

QUALIFICATIONS: I was elected to the Republican Central Committee 4 years ago, and our present group has received accolades for the work we have done for the Republican party.

MOTIVATION: Reaching out to people to serve and run for elected positions, join the Republican party, and raise funds to support our party!

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Experience, commitment, and character when interviewing for a vacancy for any elected position.

Sharon T. Nuzback

QUALIFICATIONS: My background is in HR. I have always been very organized. I will bring that experience to getting our Central Committee more organized. I am outgoing and love people and would love the opportunity to work with the community.

MOTIVATION: I want to serve my community and do all I can to bring more Patriotic events to Queen Anne's County. I want to help steer the Republican Party in an America First direction. I am an American First Candidate and a proud American Latina woman.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: 1. America First Candidate. 2. Honesty and Loyalty to their constituents and keeps them informed. 3. It would be great if we could let more new Republicans into the party and not make careers out of it.

Laurie Plemons

QUALIFICATIONS: I'm currently on the RCC, having served for the last 3 yrs. I've attended state level conventions and am involved in all aspects of the republican party in QAC. I've worked very hard to earn my seat at the table, from running our HQ ofc, & prepping/ working the fair, to public events and assisting in raising the most \$\$ our cmtee has ever seen. I'm so very proud of what our team has accomplished!

MOTIVATION: I have a fever for seeing the progress of the Republican party, not only in maintaining our Red County status to working across the state to see Red victories. I have a love for the Republican party and remain steadfast in communicating our values to the public and furthering our mission.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: It's my opinion that the people should speak. If there was a runner up for that elected seat, 1ST that person should be interviewed for current level of interest + ability. We are the reps of the GOP in QAC, a decision to choose the next in line may not be in the best interest of QAC Rs for a variety of reasons, stated in our bylaws: ie non Rep committed or interests not aligning w/ Rep mission.

Jody Schulz

QUALIFICATIONS: RCC vice chair past 4 years.

MOTIVATION: To expand the party and convert others to our party.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: Proven conservative and loyal republicans that support conservative issues.

Tracy Ann Smith

QUALIFICATIONS: As a CEO of my own home, Mother of six children with two sets of boy/girl twins, Teacher in our county schools, wife of a law enforcement officer, I feel prepared to handle the duties of a Central Committee member.

MOTIVATION: In my view, the most important steps are building relationships in our community and educating our friends and neighbors. Strong relationships within our communities is the groundwork, and I believe strongly in that foundation. Without relationships and connections, we cause division. Now it's time to step up in our Republican party to bring everyone together.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I would consider what skills or talents each candidate would bring to the Assembly. I think the ability to establish relationships and have the ability to work well with others are important qualities. I believe interpersonal skills are as important as education and experience to qualify the candidate.

Democratic Central Committee

HOW ELECTED: Elected by the members of the party in the primary. The Committee shall consist of ten (10)

members, gender balanced. The winners will be determined by the greatest number of votes, while taking into consideration that those elected will be as equally divided by gender as possible.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrats may vote for up to 10
No more than half of the members can be
elected from the same gender.

Frank W. Alduino (Male)

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Linda Coveleskie (Female)

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a life-long Democrat, raised by union member Democrats, and have remained a Democrat through my adult years. I served on the Democratic Central Committee from 2014-2018, and was Secretary. I am familiar with the role and responsibilities of the DCC as compared to the Democratic Club.

MOTIVATION: I am committed to increasing the number of Democratic voters in QAC. It should not be necessary to switch parties just to get elected! It's time for real Democrats to be registered and vote as Democrats!

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: When I served on the DCC previously, this was never a responsibility because we had a Republican Governor. Should we have a Democratic Governor in 2023, and have a role in the process, then I would consider the nominee's qualifications, including how familiar he or she is with the constituents.

Connie Lee Kratovil-Lavelle (Female)**Deborah Krueger** (Female)**Lynn M. Mason** (Female)

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Elaine F. McNeil (Female)

QUALIFICATIONS: I have learned a lot as chair of the Central Committee for the last 8 years. I have lived and worked in this county for 42 years. Previously I was secretary of the Democratic Club and also served as the president of the QA county Teachers Association.

MOTIVATION: It is important to me for QA to have alternatives options to our current local government.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I would be interested in filling vacancies with highly qualified people who are willing to work hard for their community and listen to the citizens. Ethics are also extremely important to me.

Michael Morgan (Male)

QUALIFICATIONS: I've served the county's democrats both as a volunteer and board member for the Democratic Club of Queen Anne's County, helping to organize club membership and promote our party's values throughout the county and the Eastern Shore.

MOTIVATION: In my time on the Democratic Club board I've gotten to know our DCC members and also witnessed the critical need for their support. More than ever it's vital that we identify local candidates for the party and assert our presence in Queen Anne's County; residents need to know that Democrats are here and they are your clergy, your teachers, your small business owners, your neighbors.

FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICE: I would consider the potential candidate's background and experience, as well as their leadership ability, public service record, and reputation. Ideal candidates would show a history of participation in our community reflecting the values of the Democratic party.

Tom Rider (Male)

Barry A. Schwartz (Male)

John C. Stires (Male)

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Queen Anne's County Board of Education

ABOUT THE OFFICE: The board consists of five members (one representative from each of the four commissioner districts and one member at large). The board is responsible for determining the mission and vision for the school system and adopting goals to help achieve that vision. The board shall adopt policies consistent with these goals and shall regularly review such policies and the progress towards attainment of these goals. The board shall also advocate for adequate funding for the school system and shall direct the expenditure of resources to best fulfill the goals.

TERM: Four years with no term limits
SALARY: \$3500/year (Board president \$4,000)

QUESTIONS

QUALIFICATIONS: How does your experience prepare you for the duties of this office?

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: How can the schools prepare students for employment?

SCHOOL SAFETY: How will you address school safety issues?

PARTNERSHIPS: How can the schools partner with businesses and community organizations to improve education?

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: How will you involve the community in supporting education, especially with regard to diversity, equity, and inclusion?

OTHER PRIORITIES: What other issues are priorities for you?

SCHOOL SAFETY: Our school district does a great job partnering with local law enforcement, but too often when it reaches that point it's too late. By providing more effective counseling resources and continuing to grow our partnership with local law enforcement we can go a long way to keeping schools safe for everyone.

PARTNERSHIPS: Developing partnerships with local businesses and non-profit organizations would be really helpful for the students as well as saving money for the county by taking advantage of the expertise we have in the county. Taking advantage of these partnerships not only benefits the students but could also potentially be a cost savings for the county.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: The board has an obligation to fairly represent its students, teachers, staff and the community in the decision making process.

OTHER PRIORITIES: We should prioritize meeting students' educational needs by working hard to create efficiencies in the school board and the school.

Queen Anne's County Board of Education at Large

CANDIDATES

Vote for 1

Richard Bewley, Jr.

QUALIFICATIONS: I have administrative experience as an officer in a non-profit where I was responsible for helping to facilitate the operation of the organization.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: Schools that teach a wide variety of skills prepare students for the greatest amount of opportunities. Graduating students with marketable skills contribute to economic growth in our county.

Alexis Capes

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check Vote411.org

Jay Kenty

QUALIFICATIONS: I retired from a career in public education in 2006. I spent twenty-two years teaching English at High Point High School, eight years as vice principal at Benjamin Tasker Middle School, ending my last two years as a vice principal at Bowie High School. I coached football, wrestling, and track as well. From 2006 until 2020, I worked as the Assistant Manager at Sandy Point State Park.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: In 7th or 8th grade, present vocations as a pathway to a career. Exposing middle school students to the potential that the trades have for establishing a successful business is the introduction to a vocational education pathway in high school culminating with internships, work study and an apprenticeship after graduation. Establish a Center for Applied Technology at the current BOE building.

SCHOOL SAFETY: First, ask administrators to identify the most pressing school safety issues they face. Then, ask the Sheriff's Department if there is grant money available to increase School Resource Officer presence in the schools. Propose establishing crisis intervention teams within each school. Provide ongoing training for staffs in the early recognition of indicators that point to antisocial behavior.

PARTNERSHIPS: Teachers are the foundation upon which a top flight public education system is built. The Chamber of Commerce in concert with the Economic Development Commission could establish an incentive fund that encourages retention of our current work force. An incentive fund currently exists to entice businesses to locate in QAC. A well educated work force is essential to continued economic growth.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Seek advice from community leaders, teachers, and PTA's. Encourage QAC students to seek a career in education. If the county's teachers reflect the county's demographic, then diversity and inclusion in the work force become possible. Unless salaries and benefits are competitive with neighboring jurisdictions, equity and opportunity for the student body as well as its teachers suffers.

OTHER PRIORITIES: The Education Trust Fund should support enhanced funding for Maryland's Public Schools. It is derived from

gaming and casinos. Approximately 1/3 is used for that purpose. The Kirwan Commission expects those funds to support its recommendations in the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. Where has the other 2/3 gone? Hundreds of millions for salaries, benefits, and health care has been lost.

Kent Laing

QUALIFICATIONS: I have worked as a case manager with at risk and adjudicated kids helping them work towards getting straight and on the right track to success. I also have taught adventure education. I spent 11 years as the Director of Youth Ministries working with middle and high schoolers here in QACo., I have worked at Camp Pecometh for many years running programs. I have also substitute taught.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: We need to build relationships with employers to get more hands on learning. There is a lot to be said to learning in the vo-tech classrooms, but hands on can teach so much more. It also allows relationships to start for employment post graduation to quickly happen, just like other office internships.

SCHOOL SAFETY: We need to better train our teachers to safely respond to issues and give them the ability and protection to address them. We need continue to have a strong relationship the sheriff's office to be present in our schools. We need to take a stronger stand on true bullying issues and redirect these actions. We also need to enhance our mental health resources to assist our students.

PARTNERSHIPS: We need to strengthen internships between our students and employment opportunities. We also need to make a stronger push for our community organizations to participate with Character

Counts and similar opportunities to assist our students.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: We have to listen to all of our community members as to the issues they have in participating in the education process. Then we have to find/create opportunities for the ones to actually have a real place to assist us that also shows how valuable they are to the process. I also would include various minority groups to share their experiences and opportunities for our minority students.

OTHER PRIORITIES: As the Board we need to keep our focus on education issues and keep partisan politics away. Too many school boards are being used as puppets for partisan politics and we cannot let that happen for QACPS. True patriotic leadership has always come from determining what is best for our people, not just our political parties.



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